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Deadlock over hijack raises doubts on deal

Arafat hints it 'will not end in Algiers'

From Philip Jacobson in Algiers and Our Foreign Staff

The hijack crisis was deadlocked here last night amid speculation that there had either been a *last-minute hitch* in the deal worked out in *Cyprus or that* one of the parties had gone back on the agreed conditions.

As the 32 remaining passengers and five *crew* sat out the ninth day of their ordeal in the sweltering heat of Algiers airport, Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization – who set up the deal – was reported as saying that he did not think the hijack would end in Algiers.

Talks between the hijackers of the Kuwaiti Airways jumbo jet and Algerian negotiators had gone on all day but showed little sign of progress.

Cypriot officials had said the plane was released from Larnaca airport after a deal was struck on three points – the plane would fly only to Algiers; there would be no further killing; and with the guarantee from Algerian, Kuwaiti and PLO officials that there would be a "peaceful end to the crisis."

Athens – Cyprus last night dismissed criticism of its decision to let the hijacked Kuwaiti airliner go although 37 hostages were still *on it* (Mario Modiano writes). Mr Akis Fantis, the Cyprus Government spokesman, said there had been no change of attitude.

Lessons of Larnaca 14

Last night Algerian authorities were becoming increasingly impatient with the Kuwaiti government's "*intransigence*" *on the question* of commutations of the death sentences of three of the 17 prisoners in Kuwait, and freedom for them all, which the hijackers have been demanding.

An Algerian official indicated that his government hoped to force Kuwait into a more flexible position.

Britain and the United States expressed disappointment yesterday at the Cypriot decision to release the aircraft. But the Government of President Vassiliou was particularly satisfied by the fact that in providing the scene for direct talks between the hijackers and the PLO mediators the government had managed to stay on the sidelines of critical decisions.

A senior Kuwaiti government delegation, led by the Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Saud al-Usaimi, flew into Hourari Boumedien airport yesterday afternoon. After a brief statement expressing hope that the situation might still be resolved by negotiation, the Kuwaitis were *hustled* away from the hordes of journalists assembled on a lawn within sight of the hijacked plane.

Their Algerian hosts managed the thinnest of smiles for the cameras, as if all too aware that the hard bargaining is still to come.

Before them on an apron off the main runway the jet was shimmering in the gathering heat, framed against a distant *mountain* range.

From the moment it had *touched down*, three hours before dawn yesterday, with its cargo of long-suffering hostages, bone-weary crew, and hijackers with blood on *their hands, the jet has been* constantly in the lenses of scores of photographers and television crews, alert to the faintest movement behind the closed doors.

Fifty minutes after the *whine of the engines had died* away the airport control tower opened the first contact on Algerian soil.

Two hours later, another brief conversation took place in which the hijackers agreed *in principle to receive* an Algerian government official on board. As dawn rose, the country's Foreign Minister, Mr El-Hadi Khediri, was driven slowly out to the aircraft and mounted the steps *to the front door*.

Half an hour later he emerged to give the first news of the drama that was transferred during the night to his country. There was nothing dramatic to say, Mr Khediri emphasized, blinking in the light of the flashguns. The hijackers had struck him as "calm but very determined".

They had repeated almost word for word their original demand for the release of their 17 comrades held in Kuwaiti jails for terrorism offences. "I was asked to convey these demands to the Kuwaiti delegation due to arrive here, *and this I agreed to do.* We also agreed to have a further face-to-face meeting after I have received the Kuwaiti response."

Choosing his words carefully, Mr Khediri said that the *hijackers had promised "to* stay calm and use no violence." Did that mean, he was asked, they were not going to kill any more hostages? "I can't answer that, because it

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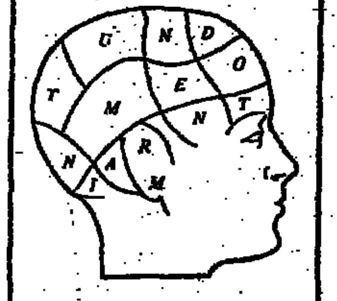

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Airline food trolleys hid arms

From Robert Fisk
Larnaca

The hijackers of the Kuwaiti *airliner smuggled their* weapons and explosives on board the Boeing 747 in the aircraft's food trolleys at Bangkok Airport. Newly released hostages at Larnaca also said yesterday that the gunmen – of whom *there are seven, most of them* Lebanese – had booby-trapped the plane with wire and chocolate-coloured sticks of explosive.

So serious were the hijackers that they all dressed in loose white shirts with "I Love Martyrdom" printed in Arabic on the front when they were at Larnaca Airport on Tuesday. These were the "*shrouds*" *about which the* gunmen talked over the radio to the control tower.

The reality behind the drama of Kuwait Airways flight *KU 422* began to emerge yesterday in Larnaca General Hospital, where the 12 hostages released late on Tuesday were recovering under the care of Cypriot and Kuwaiti doctors. One of the *passengers*, *Mr Muhammad* Ali Ramadan, is an Egyptian-born American citizen who only escaped the discovery of his identity by hiding his US *passport in his briefcase*.

While Kuwaiti, Algerian and Western intelligence agencies yesterday desperately sought evidence of the identity and behaviour of the hijackers, who flew their 37 remain*ing captives to Algiers in* the early hours of yesterday morning, freed hostages at Larnaca revealed to *The Times* that:

- the gunmen tied the wrists of all the passengers, hitting them if they attempted to look out the windows.
- they had Israeli-made Uzi sub machine guns, grenades and stick explosives with wire which they used to rig up the *plane as a bomb*.
- they were seen pulling their *weapons from the food* trolleys in the economy section as the Boeing flew through Indian airspace.
- there were seven hijackers on the plane, at least four of whom had Lebanese accents.
- the hijackers tried to find any Americans on board.

The luckiest passenger was undoubtedly Mr Ramadan, an *Egyptian mechanical engineer* who has been a US passport holder since 1978. "When they asked about anyone who had been to America, I *immediately hid my passport* in my briefcase," he said. "I put it behind the last of the back flaps of my briefcase and they did not search the hand luggage of the passengers, thanks be to God, so they *never* found it. I gave them only my Egyptian passport when they collected the identity documents. I am the most

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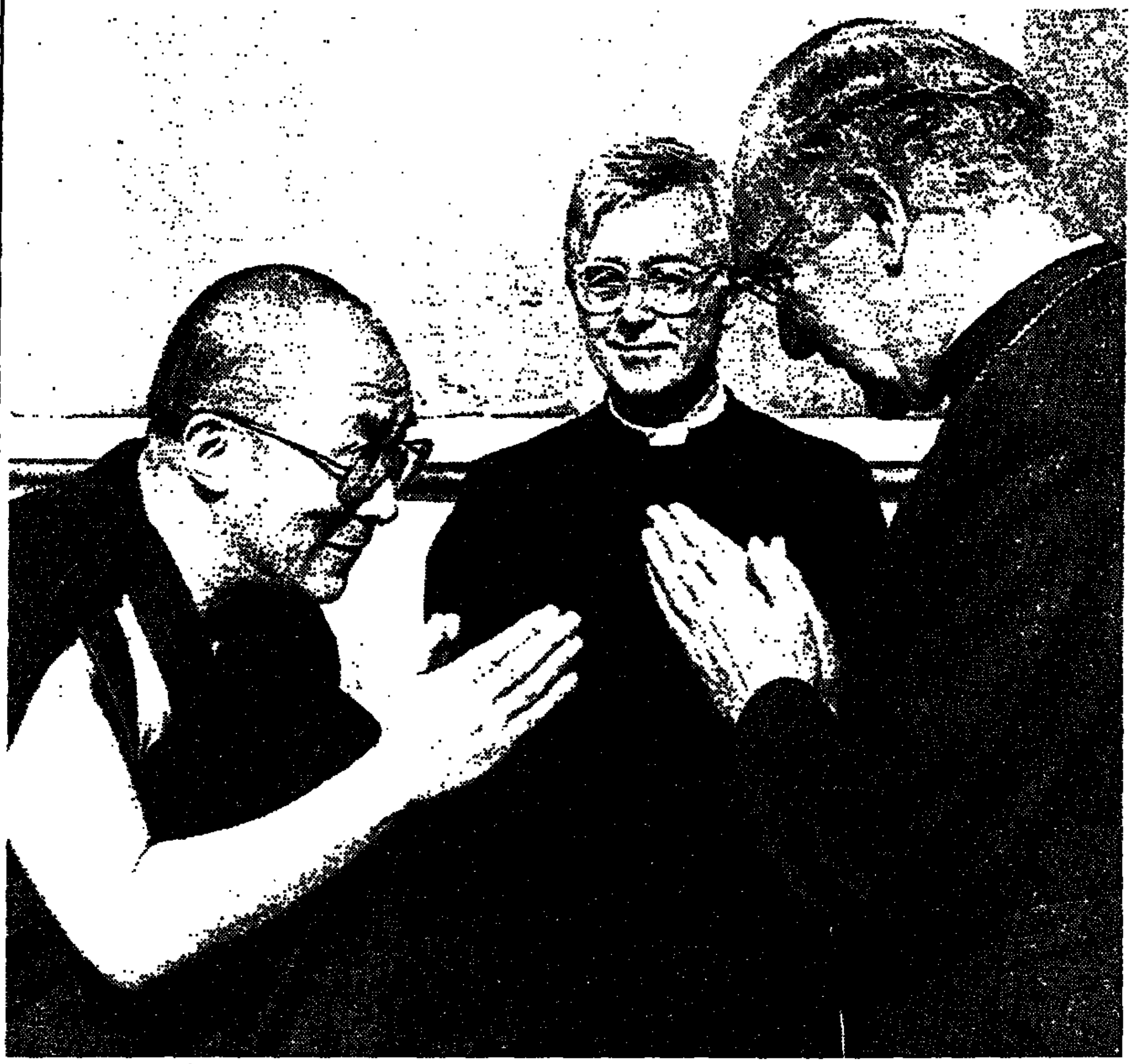
When two faiths meet in London



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, and the Dalai Lama exchanging greetings yesterday at Lambeth Palace.

Pilots 'mistook unlit taxiway for runway'

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Two pilots were *being* questioned last night after allegations that they mistook an unlit taxiway for a runway and forced a British Airways 737 jet to slew into thick mud to avoid a head-on crash.

The two, a training captain, aged 47, and a pilot, aged 43, *who was making one* of his last flights before being promoted to captain, had been given permission to land on runway 08 at Gatwick, a temporary runway *200 metres* north of the main runway which was closed for resurfacing.

The British Island Airway BAC 1-11 jet was was on an apparently normal approach carrying 112 passengers and crew on a flight from Venice.

At 10.15pm, the pilot of the British Airways 737, with 113 passengers bound for Rhodes, was given permission to taxi parallel to 08 and hold before turning right at the end of the runway in preparation for *take-off. It had been delayed* for 15 minutes because of a minor technical hitch.

The British Airways cabin crew, both on loan to the airline from an Irish aircraft leasing company, could see the landing lights of the British Island jet approaching in clear skies to the west.

However, instead of heading for the runway 100 metres to the south, it suddenly appeared to be heading straight for them.

Air traffic controllers immediately ordered the pilot to steer off the runway. According to officials, he had no alternative but to swing hard *right, driving the 737 off the* runway, over short grass and into thick mud, with its tail protruding over the taxiway.

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It emerged yesterday that the British Island Airways cabin crew would have known *that the main runway* was closed. The emergency runway was lit by regulation landing lights and the glare of terminal buildings.

However, the pilots pointed the nose of the aircraft further left to the taxiway, which is unlit and only half the width of the main runway.

The pilots were summoned to the British Island Airways *office at Gatwick last night* as British Airways engineers repaired a damaged nose wheel on the 737 after earlier towing it from the mud.

The Air Accident Investigation Branch at Farnborough, Hampshire, started its own investigation. However, a report on the incident is not expected to be published for at least six months. The pilots *will not fly again until* the investigation is completed.

An air traffic controller, aged 35, of Horsham, Sussex, whose alertness prevented a collision, is on two days' leave. A Gatwick spokesman *confirmed last night that his* speed of thought prevented "an incident becoming an accident". He said: "Gatwick Airport Limited congratulates *the controller for his prompt* action and skill".

There was also commendation for the British Airways pilot, who responded "quickly and positively" by swerving off the runway. The British Islands BAC 1-11 pulled up

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Abortion Bill 'needs new limit'

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

Attempts to reform the abortion law are doomed unless Mr David Alton MP amends *his Bill* to make the *legal* limit 24 weeks, senior ministers believe.

Opponents of Mr Alton's Bill, which aims to reduce the time limit for abortions from 28 to 18 weeks, yesterday reported strong support for an amendment to be tabled for the report stage on May 6.

Mr Andrew MacKay, Conservative MP for Berkshire East, who wrote to more than 250 Tory MPs this week to *canvass backing for the* amendment, said several MPs who supported the Bill on second reading had expressed support for the 24-week limit.

Mr Alton, Liberal MP for Mossley Hill, yesterday re*fused to accept* that a 24-week limit was the only way it would become law.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta appeared at a Commons press conference with Mr Alton to support the Bill, and later *appealed to Mrs Thatcher* at a Downing Street meeting for her backing.

Name a franchise price, says ITV

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Commercial television chiefs will today urge the Govern*ment to name a price for the* renewal of each commercial station franchise, rather than opening them up to the highest bidder.

At a private meeting with the Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, they will also suggest that the Government's wish to see market forces operate more effectively *in* independent television could be *achieved* by liberalizing rules which effectively prevent takeovers of television stations.

Although the Cabinet committee considering the future of broadcasting has not taken a final decision about auctioning the ITV franchises when *they expire in 1992, ministers* are "favourably minded" to *the idea*. That is worrying ITV chiefs, who argue that selling franchises to the highest bidder would affect the quality of programmes and put companies' survival in jeopardy.

The ITV team seeing Mr Hurd will be led by Mr David McCall, chief executive of Anglia, and will include the managing directors of Thames *TV*, *Central TV*, *Scottish TV*, Border TV and Mr David Shaw, director of the ITV Association.

They will emphasize that *they accept there should be an* economic price paid for franchises, *but will insist* that competitive tendering would be damaging because contracts would be awarded on financial grounds rather than for reasons of programme quality.

Instead they will suggest the Government names a price for *each of the 16 commercial* station franchises. The Independent Broadcasting Authority could then use programming criteria to decide who was successful.

Social security debate

MP suspended amid uproar

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Rowdy scenes engineered by left-wing Labour MPs dominated the highly charged emergency debate on social security benefit changes in the Commons yesterday.

The anger spilt over into attacks on the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill.

Mr Eric Heffer, a candidate for the party's deputy leadership, shouted at him: "You *stupid man*". Mr Bob Clay, the Labour MP for Sunderland North, called him "a Tory stooge" and Mr Dave Nellist (Coventry South-East) was named and suspended from the Commons chamber *after clashing constantly with* Mr Weatherill during the speech by Mr John Moore, the Social Services Secretary.

The Labour interruptions detracted from the impact of a cutting speech by Mr Robin Cook, Labour's Social Services spokesman, which was the most effective Opposition performance in this parliament and which had Tory MPs squirming in their seats.

However, a Labour motion attacking the changes was *defeated by 311 votes to 215*, a Government majority of 96.

Mr Cook issued a catalogue of the Government's dealings with social security. He said it had abolished the link between pensions and earnings, leaving the pension for a married couple £14 lower than it otherwise would have been.

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It had abolished short-term sickness benefit and the earnings-related supplement and *taken what remained of un*employment benefit into taxation, it had failed to up-rate child benefit, leaving it 10 per cent lower in real terms than it had been in 1979.

Ministers asserted that only 12 per cent would be worse off, but that figure was based on estimates, not on a careful census of the eight million people affected.

No organization which had studied the impact of the changes agreed with the Gov*ernment's estimate* .

Mr Cook, who was cheered and clapped by Labour MPs as he ended, said there was a "shaming contrast" between the tax cuts in March and the benefit cuts in April.

Mr Moore, speaking quietly because of a further throat *infection*, *said in a low key* defence of the changes: "You cannot move away from an old, complex, unbalanced and unsatisfactory system to something clearer and more equitable without having both gainers and losers".

The old system had been incoherent and immoral. It was a recipe for complexity, confusion and anomaly.

Computer in a tantrum holds up 'baby' project

By Robert Matthews
Technology Correspondent

A computer *built at Imperial College*, London as a crude simulation of the *human mind has startled its creators* by going on strike and refusing to co-operate with their work.

Mr Michael Gera, a scientist in the Neural Computing Group at the college, said yesterday that the computer, known as a neural net, had simply refused to carry on with its lessons when it was given a task it considered beneath its capabilities: "You might say it had an attack of *boredom*".

Mr Gera and his colleagues had *designed the machine to test a theory* about the way in which human babies learn to communicate. They attempted to simulate the workings of a baby's mind by instructing the computer to turn itself into a "neural net", a collection of dozens of electronic devices which mimic the operation of neurons, or brain cells.

Some theories in psychology claim that babies learn to talk to their parents by babbling randomly, and *looking for responses. For example*, babbling that sounds like "mama" wins a response, with mother pointing to herself. The baby then remembers that "mama" corresponds to the object doing the pointing.

In the first set of experiments with the machine at Imperial, Mr Gera switched on the neural network and *let it babble away*. When the machine hit upon a sequence of babbling that Mr Gera had decided was the elec*tronic equivalent of a sensible word*, the machine was given a suitable response. Sure enough, the machine soon picked up a crude "vocabulary".

Mr Gera has gone a step further in a second set of experiments, still under way. The machine is told that a specific object it is being shown corresponds to the electronic equivalent of, say, a black cat. Later, another type of cat is shown to the machine, which is then expected to recognize quickly that this new object is also a *cat, and say the word accordingly*.

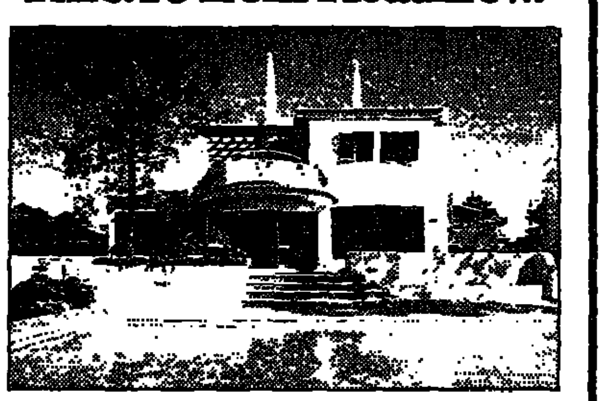
However Mr Gera has made the unnerving discovery that unless the objects shown to the machine are *sufficiently different and exciting, it* goes into a huff. He said: "It just sits there and goes on strike".

The Imperial *team, led by* Professor Igor Aleksander, has seen the machine throw its weight about on a number of occasions.

The long-term aim of the research is to develop neural nets capable of tasks still beyond today's most powerful computers. Those "supercomputers" are excellent at tasks such as solving equations, but virtually useless at problems requiring intelligence.

However, events suggest that the next generation of computers will have to be taught good behaviour before they can be given responsibility.

Mr Adrian Redgers, another member of the team, said: "Neural nets are *a little unruly sometimes. We don't* know enough about them to put them in charge of, say, a nuclear reactor."



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Boy's body found after 26 years

The remains of a boy who disappeared a few days before Christmas 1962 have been found. Forensic scientists working with a team of archaeologists and a Home Office pathologist have identified the remains, uncovered by a man out walking his dog, as those of Stephen Jennings, aged three.

They were found half a mile from the boy's former home in the village of Little Gomersall, near Bradford. Last night police were still unable to disclose how the boy died.

He disappeared after wandering from his home to follow his brother Paul, aged four, who had gone to visit an aunt.

The remains were discovered in a shallow grave last Thursday near a playing field in nearby Cleckheaton. Police withheld an announcement until relatives of the boy had been told.

Last night a man detained in Telford, Shropshire, was being questioned by West Yorkshire police.

Child trapped in flat

A boy aged three was trapped in his home for three days while his mother lay inside dying of meningitis. Philip Smith tried to raise the alarm by pushing toys, books and paper through the letterbox of his mother's flat in Fox Hill, Bath, Avon. Neighbours saw the boy with his face up against the letterbox, but he was too shocked to shout and too small to open the door. When police broke in they found Miss Christine Smith, aged 31, had died hours earlier. The boy told officers: "My mummy is asleep and won't wake up. She fell out of bed." He was taken into care by social services, and may undergo tests to see if he is infected with meningitis.

Brain damage award

A boy who suffered catastrophic brain damage when a baby because of a doctor's negligence has been awarded £530,000 damages. Steven Lomax, aged 15, of Ullswater Close, Little Lever, Bolton, Lancashire, was aged four months when the doctor failed to diagnose gastro-enteritis. He became dehydrated and suffered a cardiac arrest leading to brain damage, his counsel, Mr Richard Clegg, QC, said in the High Court in Manchester yesterday. The award with costs was against Dr Bernard Higgins, of Rishton Lane, Bolton.

Nuclear station faults

The Central Electricity Generating Board is facing a bill of millions of pounds to enable one of its ageing nuclear reactors to meet the demands made by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate. A long-term safety review for the Berkeley nuclear power station in Gloucestershire yesterday listed 17 key demands that must be met if the station is to continue operating beyond next year.

Alps deaths inquiry

The Salzburg state prosecution office will decide within the next few days whether to proceed against three teachers who accompanied a party from Altwood School, Maidenhead, Berkshire, to Austria where four boys from the school fell to their deaths on a mountain. Berkshire County Council announced yesterday that it is to hold an inquiry of its own.

Drug plans unveiled

New drugs to fight the main causes of premature death are promised by research programmes unveiled by Britain's two biggest pharmaceutical companies. ICI has launched a £3 billion research programme while Glaxo is to spend £500 million on a drug discovery centre in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, part of a £1 billion investment. ICI has earmarked £14 million for the production of a drug to treat prostate cancer.

'Haunted house' plea

A couple who claimed their council house was haunted have been given High Court permission to oppose a Nottingham City Council ruling that they should not be rehoused. Mr Justice Nolan granted leave yesterday after being told the council had a duty to inquire into the case. Mr John Costello and his wife, Helen, who have two daughters, say they were forced out of the home in Melbourne Road, Aspley.

Girl held on murder

A girl aged 12 who is accused of murdering Carol Baldwin, aged 13, at a park near her home at Thorplands, Northampton, was remanded in care for a week by magistrates at Northampton Juvenile Court yesterday. Carol was stabbed in the back on March 26. Craig Staton, aged 17, of Northampton, who has been charged with murder, has been released on bail by the High Court until April 27.

Music and muesli for the inner city roadshow

By Peter Davenport

Over a breakfast consisting, in part, of muesli and Greek yoghurt, and to the inspiring sounds of Ravel and Elgar, the Government yesterday launched its drive to encourage businessmen to help to revive the inner cities.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and the minister co-ordinating the regeneration programme, played host to 225 North-east businessmen in the first of six "Action for Cities" breakfasts.

Yesterday's event, starting at 7.30am, was held at a recreation centre in a large shopping complex in the centre of Newcastle upon Tyne.

During the next 10 weeks similar meetings will be held in Leeds, Manchester, Birmingham, Liverpool and London. By the end of the exercise Mr Clarke and Mr John Cope, the Minister for Employment, will have met up to 1,500 businessmen to explain directly the maze of government inner city initiatives and to urge their greater involvement in them.

His message is that by helping to make their communities more affluent the businessmen will increase their own profits.

"We believe that you are the people, not Whitehall and not the town hall, who know best about getting enterprise back into the inner cities", Mr Clarke said. "It is not just a case of bulldozers crashing around but of giving hope back to those who live and work there."

The series of breakfasts is costing £500,000. The food, ministerial aids explained yesterday, averaged only £4.50 a head. The rest went on elaborate audio-visual presentations, information packs and hiring venues.

Yesterday's event owed more to the Oscar ceremonies of Hollywood than a typical government presentation. In a darkened room the audience was swamped with music, by Ravel and Elgar. A video film traced the history of Britain's cities since the days of the Victorians through industrial development, war-time destruction and post-war re-building to the urban blight of today. It also highlighted some of the successes already achieved.

Quotations from Florence Nightingale, G B Shaw, Samuel Smiles and Titus Salt echoed across the public address system extolling the virtues of development with a social conscience. Then Mr Clarke, followed by Mr Cope, stepped up, bathed in spotlights, to deliver their message.

Mr Clarke urged his audience to emulate the leadership and vision of their Victorian ancestors by becoming involved in schemes to revive the inner cities. It made economic as well as social sense, he said.

There were already 300 private sector companies working with the 16 government task forces, 3,000 firms involved in various enterprise agencies and a further 100,000 in youth training schemes. Mr Clarke said the Government would spend £3 billion on the inner cities this year and he wanted to see more firms joining in.

"We now have the best opportunity for years to regenerate the cities. We are not going to succeed overnight but we can start to transform the lives of some of the people who live there today", he said.

After the 45-minute presentation, which some in the audience described as "over-hyped", the businessmen were able to chat with the two ministers and to officials from the various agencies involved in the inner cities regeneration programme.

As they left the working breakfast to go to their offices the businessmen were handed an "action pack" bearing a message from the Prime Minister urging them to join a partnership between government, commerce and industry.

They were also each given a construction worker's hard hat, bearing the slogan "Action for Cities".

- The government-appointed corporation responsible for the £500 million redevelopment of Cardiff's docklands was criticized yesterday for holding up private investment in the project.

Private companies have been urged by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, to take an active part in the redevelopment of the run-down dockland area.

Avatar, a joint venture company established by London and Edinburgh Trust plc and Balfour Beatty Ltd, which submitted plans for a £30 million marina development surrounded by nearly 450 houses and flats, said the Cardiff Bay Development Corporation's first act was to serve notice of intended compulsory purchase on the 17-acre waterfront site, effectively blocking progress on the development.

The corporation denied that there had been any unnecessary delays.

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More Tories join rebellion against community charge

By Our Political Staff

The Conservative backbench rebellion over the community charge was gaining strength last night as the number of MPs backing an attempt to relate it to people's ability to pay rose to 46.

The threat of the Government's majority being severely cut next Monday grew as the leader of the Tory campaign, Mr Michael Mates, MP for Hampshire East, made plain that he would not be "bought off" by any concessions that fell short of a change in the flat-rate nature of the charge.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, is to address the Conservative environment committee tonight in an attempt to head off next week's revolt.

His aides have made it clear he has no intention of giving ground on the basic principle that the community charge for an area should be the same for everyone.

At a press conference yesterday to launch the Conservative local government elections campaign Mr Ridley did not rule out the possibility of some flexibility in the Government's approach. He said repeatedly that he was listening to those Tories who were worried, though their message appeared to be somewhat confused.

"Some have objections of principle, some to certain aspects and details. To the extent possible, we will try to meet their problems."

It is thought any concessions may include more generous rebates.

Mr Mates said after addressing a meeting of the environment committee last night: "That is not going to be enough. It must address the question of ability to pay. People at the upper end have got to pay more."

About fifty MPs attended the meeting, and the large majority of speakers supported Mr Mates. His plan is to have three rates of community charge, standard rate for those on the standard rate of income tax, one and a half times the charge for those on higher rate tax, and only half the charge for those not paying tax.

Last night the Opposition front bench agreed to back the Mates proposal.

In a letter to Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of the Labour Party, Mr Ridley said Labour's proposal to replace the existing rating system with capital value rating plus a local income tax would require not only a register of names and addresses as did the community charge but the inclusion of residents' income tax status, "a highly objectionable feature".

Labour is making Mrs Thatcher and the proposed community charge the centrepiece of its plans to gain seats. The Prime Minister features prominently on the poster issued by the Labour Party yesterday.

Dr John Cunningham, Labour environment spokesman, said the party could not realistically expect to improve on its historically strong position in local government.

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MPs back nurses' rise

Nurses listening to speakers yesterday at their rally (Photograph: Alan Weller).

Mr Nicholas Winterton, the Conservative backbencher, yesterday called on the Government to fully fund this year's nurses pay award as thousands of members of the Royal College of Nursing travelled to London today to press Mrs Margaret Thatcher to back the review.

The nurses were supported at a rally at Central Hall, Westminster by Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, Mr David Steel of the SLD and Mr Winterton, vice-chairman of the all-party social services select committee.

Mr Winterton said it would be unthinkable for the Government to decide not to give the nurses everything the review recommended. "The Government is on record as saying it will implement the recommendations of the review body unless there are clear and compelling reasons not to", he added. "My message is that there can be no such reason."

- **The Royal College of Surgeons has given training recognition to a junior doctor post in the Humana Hospital Wellington, a private hospital in north-west London, for the first time as part of a radical deal between the health service and the private sector involving the rotation of four surgical posts. The scheme, under which the health service will get a free junior cardiac surgery post, could pave the way for the private sector to provide a much greater input into training health service staff by providing both finance and facilities.**

The Humana will provide £42,000 to fund the salaries of two senior house officers who will rotate with two existing posts at St Mary's Hospital in Paddington.

Help for drivers in London

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

A large-scale pilot scheme using a computerized route guidance system to give motorists the best routes for travelling in London is planned by the Department of Transport.

The scheme could have the same effect on traffic when it is fully developed and extended throughout London as the construction of a second M25, it was said yesterday.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, made the announcement when he launched a much smaller scheme to demonstrate how the system works. The present scheme consists of five beacons, mounted on traffic light posts, which provide information to computers installed in cars to guide them on a route from Westminster to Heathrow Airport.

Mr Channon said it was hoped to mount a pilot scheme using 300 beacons and involving 1,000 specially equipped cars by 1990.

It is suggested that the cost to a user of the scheme, to be developed by private industry, might be about £250 for the equipment, plus an annual licence fee of about £25.

Brilliance defeats Speelman

The hopes of Jonathan Speelman were dashed in round 10 of the Swift World Chess Cup in Brussels when he was beaten by Anatoly Karpov, the former world champion.

Karpov, playing white, built up a powerful attack on Tuesday and won a brilliant game which was awarded a special prize as the most outstanding achievement of the round.

Full results: Winants lost to Seirawan; Sax drew with Nikolic; Karpov beat Speelman; Andersson drew with Ljubojevic; Salov drew with Sokolov; Nogueiras drew with Nunn; Portisch drew with Beliavsky; Tal adjourned against Timman.

Leading scores: Karpov 7 pts; Beliavsky 6 out of 9; Salov 6; Portisch 5½ out of 9; Speelman and Nunn 5 out of 9.

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Solicitors' Complaints Bureau

Cases taking year to check

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Solicitors' Complaints Bureau is taking up to a year to investigate complaints by the public alleging shoddy work by solicitors.

In one case, still unresolved, a woman from Bath complained to the bureau in April 1987 that her former solicitors had failed to pay her expert witness, a surveyor, in a building dispute. The surveyor took legal action against her to claim the money.

Three months after her complaint was lodged, the bureau told her it had written to her former solicitors, requesting the file. Two months later, she was told the file had been passed to a specialist in the bureau's report-writers' section.

In January this year she wrote for information and was told by letter the matter was being dealt with. She has heard nothing since.

She said: "I read that this bureau was being set up to take over the handling of complaints from the professional purposes committee of the Law Society because it had been slow in dealing with complaints and this had caused bad feeling among the public. Of course, people want their complaints dealt with thoroughly, but I thought the whole point of this new bureau was to speed things up."

The bureau's new powers to investigate allegations of shoddy work — poor work which falls short of negligence or professional misconduct — came in on January 1 last year. Since them, 484 complaints have been lodged, of which 44 per cent have been concluded, although many may have come in late in the year.

A bureau spokesman said a year to process some complaints was not unusual and was "probably about an average". Later she said that for most complaints, six months was more likely although she "would not be surprised" if some took a year.

Investigations, to be done properly and thoroughly, were necessarily lengthy, she said. Solicitors were often slow in handing over the files

Laws to impose a limit on the amount of damages that can be awarded in cases of professional negligence are called for in a draft report from the International Bar Association.

The association, with some 11,000 members in 120 countries, is concerned about the high cost and lack of availability of indemnity insurance in the face of mounting numbers of negligence claims and ever-increasing damages awards.

It says many professionals, especially many international firms of accountants, face a grave risk of bankruptcy.

The report comes at a time when the Government has set up an inquiry, after repeated requests from the professions, into professional liability.

The proposed legislation would provide for compulsory insurance up to a figure adequate to ensure that people recovered their damages in full.

The final report will go to the association's biannual conference in Argentina in September.

New talks lift hopes at Jaguar

By Craig Seton

Hopes of averting a strike by Jaguar car workers rose yesterday after management and unions reopened talks on the introduction of increased productivity levels.

The negotiations, between a management team and full-time union officials, continued last night. Jaguar made clear that if the talks failed it would impose the plan to increase output by 92 cars a week from Monday.

Jaguar said both sides had agreed to take no action while talks continued.

- Ford of America is expected to make an announcement within two months on where to relocate the cancelled Dundee electronics plant. The company said yesterday it had been vigorously lobbied by almost every country in Western Europe.

Union officials at Ford in Dagenham, east London, warned that the introduction of staggered lunch-breaks to eliminate lucrative overtime payments would be resisted.

Increase in water bills

Privatization to take blame

By John Young

The average home can expect to pay steep increases in its water bill in the next few years.

The rises result from demands for "purer" drinking water, and from the introduction of metering to replace the present charges based on rateable value.

However, the increases will come after the 10 regional authorities in England and Wales are privatized, probably in the autumn of next year, and users are certain to associate the two developments.

The Government's recent announcement that it intended to implement an EEC directive on the nitrate content of water supplies has caught the authorities on the hop. Four authorities, Thames, Anglian, Severn-Trent and Yorkshire, had until recently been granted exemptions from complying with the EEC limit of 50mg a litre.

The Government is understood to have acted on legal advice after the European Commission threatened to take the matter to the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg.

Objectors say that the EEC limit is arbitrary, and that possible links between nitrate intake and a few relatively rare diseases in Europe, such as stomach cancer and the so-called "blue baby syndrome" are unproven.

A time limit for compliance has not yet been set, and the Cabinet is still debating the issue of who should meet the costs: farmers, who are primarily responsible, by the application of nitrogen fertilizers to their crops; or consumers, by way of higher water bills to pay for treatment for nitrate removal.

The Government is considering designating "water protection zones", where the use of fertilizers would be restricted.

Mr John Simpson, operations director of Anglian Water, the largest authority geographically, blames scaremongering for the present concern about the quality of drinking water supplies.

He said: "Present thinking seems to be that, unless you can prove that something doesn't do any harm, you must assume that it does. Water has always contained minute quantities of this and that, but the difference is that nowadays we have the means to measure them."

Legislation to change the status of the present regional authorities to that of public limited companies is expected to be enacted before the end of this year.

They will have responsibility for water supply and sewage disposal, while land drainage, flood defences, pollution control, fisheries, conservation, recreation and navigation will devolve upon a new National Rivers Authority.

Experimental metering systems are to be installed in a number of areas in Britain within the next year or so.

- Yorkshire Water Authority hopes to cover buildings, equipment and drainage on 18 farms a day in Wharfedale this month in its first concentrated survey to help farmers eradicate systems and practices likely to cause pollution.

Stress drives more people to work from home

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Rocketing house prices, the shortage of high-technology skills and the stresses of commuting to work are leading to a rapid acceleration of home-working, a leading computer consultant told a London conference yesterday.

Mr Frits Janssen, managing director of IT World, an information technology consultancy, said at a three-day human resources development conference at the Barbican that where the steam engine led to the industrial revolution, the computer was bringing an even greater revolution to Britain.

The technology and the cost of on-site working was accelerating home-based work at an amazing rate. But home working brought problems over tax, pensions and confidentiality. There was also the difficulty of communication between workers and management.

On-site workers had mutual support and praise from their employers but at home those advantages did not exist. A better system of remote management had to be developed.

There were, however, many advantages in home working for employer and employee. Such overheads as rent, rates and heating were reduced and the home environment tended to increase productivity by between 10 and 30 per cent. Working hours were more flexible and staff stayed longer with one employer.

For the employee, home working meant no expensive travel and a move of home did not mean a move of job. At home disability was irrelevant and women with families to look after could still contribute.

Mr Janssen said Britain was leading the world in the concept of remote working. Many insurance companies were looking at it seriously and the Civil Service, with 500,000 employees, had launched a study. He said estimates varied from between 15 per cent and 50 per cent of the population being employed at home by the end of the century.

The conference was told that the Government was failing to prepare the British people for the changes that will affect everyone's lives after the unification of Europe in 1992. Ministers must remedy that failure if they were to avoid alarm throughout the workforce.

Mr Jeremy Harrison, a consultant on training policy to the European Commission, said the changes would be social as well as technological.

He called for an integrated system across EEC boundaries to deal with human resources, training and skill requirements. "If we are going to have a European approach, one must build into it the concept that the people will have to be prepared to work in a world of rapid evolution."

Poet speaks up for the word

By Philip Howard, Literary Editor

Mr Tony Harrison blew a trumpet blast for the power of the word against the world in his presidential address to the Classical Association at Bristol University. He said on Tuesday night that in the late twentieth century only the Muses — poetry, tragedy, and language itself — could help us to face the frenzy and despair of what Hesiod described as the fifth age, the Age of Iron.

"The highest art is to say yes to life. But the spirit of affirmation has almost been burnt out of us. In reaction to our century's terrible events there has been a retreat from the word."

The age of poetry was almost dead. There had been an erosion of the affirmative spirit. The Muses themselves were weary in a century when Japanese babies were born with grey hair as a result of the atomic bombs.

Mr Harrison, whose work combines formal classical eloquence with the vernacular of street speech, said that language had to take on anything, especially the worst things in the world. The theatre allowed us to look the worst in the face without being turned to stone.

The ancient Greek theatre let spectators share the terror with their fellow audience, instead of being separated by arm rests and darkness. The masks of the ancient theatre kept their eyes and mouths open to terrible events, and continued to answer the Muses.

Mr Harrison said the education Bill meant that nobody from his working-class background would be able to make his or her way to the great founding models of classical eloquence again. He warned his audience that the book-burners were abroad. Many of the ancient Greek poets and artists would have been harassed and banned by the new-barbarians under Clause 29.

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Border Fox gets 40 years as victim tells of 'barbaric act'

By John Cooney

The toughest sentence handed down in an Irish court, other than for the killing of a policeman, last night sent Dessie O'Hare, the so-called 'Border Fox', to jail for 40 years.

A special court consisting of three judges sitting without a jury sentenced O'Hare, aged 29, to 20 years for the kidnapping of dentist John O'Grady and a further 20 years for hacking off the tops off two of Mr O'Grady's fingers.

O'Hare, who pleaded guilty, will also serve a concurrent 15-year sentence for possessing a firearm with intent to kill when he was captured and wounded by Irish police at a road checkpoint in County Kilkenny last November.

In a further display of their determination to show no leniency towards terrorists who use "Irish unity" to justify their actions, the judges also jailed O'Hare's second-in-command, Edward Hogan, aged 33, for 40 years — 20 for the O'Grady abduction and 20 years for the attempted murder of a policeman who tried to rescue the dentist.

Describing Mr O'Grady's abduction on October 14 last year as "a barbaric act", Mr Justice Liam Hamilton, the presiding judge, said: "It requires the mere recital of the facts to establish the brutality of these cold-blooded acts perpetrated for the purpose of terrorizing Mr O'Grady's family to pay the ransom."

O'Hare, showing no remorse, made a 10-minute speech from the dock blaming Britain, Ireland, the IRA, prison officers, the police and his intended kidnap victim, Dr Austin Darragh, a millionaire, for his brutal treatment of Mr O'Grady, Dr Darragh's son-in-law.

O'Hare attributed the loss of O'Grady's fingers to Dr Darragh's "selfish intransigence" in not paying a £1.5 million ransom and to attempts by the police on the lives of members of the gang. O'Hare's speech drew scattered applause from friends and relatives in the public gallery.

A written statement from Mr O'Grady, which was read in court, revealed that he never doubted that he would be murdered by O'Hare if the ransom demand for his release was not paid by Dr Darragh.

But Mr O'Grady had no prior warning that O'Hare would chop off the tops of two of his fingers.

He described O'Hare as "very volatile and unpredictable and was mostly aggressive."

On November 3 O'Hare became especially agitated and ordered Mr O'Grady to write a new ransom note to his family.

"After I had written the note, he (O'Hare) took it away and closed the door." Mr O'Grady testified. "He was wearing a balaclava when he was dictating the note."

Later that day O'Hare brought Mr O'Grady into another room in the hideout house in the Cabra district of Dublin. "He made me lie face down on the floor. This appeared to be a small room. Then the leader tied my legs together.

"He then put a gag into my mouth and tied it behind my head. Then he unhandcuffed my hands. My left hand was taken and the finger splayed out on what seemed to be a board put under my hand.

O'Hare is driven away to jail yesterday: no remorse

"He then told somebody, whom I presumed to be one of the three raiders, to stand on my hand. Then I felt something on my little finger and then there was a bang like a hammer coming in contact with a chisel.

"Then I felt excruciating pain in this hand and I realized that he had cut off my little finger. I could feel the blood flowing.

"Then I could feel more severe pain again, and I realized that he was cauterizing my little finger with something hot."

Mr O'Grady went on to disclose that he was later brought into another room where a sheet had been put around the wall. He was told to take off blackout glasses and to hold his hands up to show the stumps of his two fingers.

Three other members of O'Hare's gang, were sentenced yesterday: Fergal Toal, 25, was given 20 years. Anthony McNeill, 25, was given 15 years and Gerard Wright, 45, was given seven years for providing two "safe" houses in which Mr O'Grady was held prisoner.

● A teenager accused of involvement in the attack on two corporals murdered during an IRA funeral was today refused bail at Belfast High Court.

Anthony Gallagher, 17, of Cherry Gardens, Twinbrook, Belfast, was remanded in custody to await trial on a charge of causing grievous bodily harm to Cpl David Howes.

Cpl Howes and Cpl Derek Wood were shot dead after being taken from a car they were travelling in at the funeral of IRA man Kevin Brady in Andersonstown on March 19.

Gold thief 'knew of home deal'

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

The girl friend of one of the Brink's Mat robbers kept him constantly informed in prison as proceeds from the £26 million raid were used to buy her a £250,000 home, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Extracts from letters written by Mrs Kathleen Meacock to Michael McAvoy, serving 25 years for the gold bullion robbery, were read out.

Mr Nicholas Purnell, QC, for the prosecution, alleged that Turpington Farm at Bickley, south-east London, was bought with cash from a Swiss bank account

Meacock, who later became McAvoy's second wife, and eight others have pleaded not guilty to charges involving the transportation or use of cash proceeds from the 1983 robbery.

When arrangements were made for McAvoy's then wife Jacqueline to have a £150,000 home, also in Bickley, a mortgage application was made describing her as a fashion model earning £18,000 a year. Mr Purnell said she was neither a fashion model nor earning £18,000.

The case continues today.

Players 'squared up', court told

By Kerry Gill

Brawling between four international football players during an "Old Firm" game between Rangers and Celtic at Ibrox Stadium, Glasgow, last year would never have been tolerated if it had happened on the streets, senior police officers said yesterday.

Inspector James Moir told Glasgow Sheriff Court: "I don't think that kind of conduct should be tolerated in any circumstances. If that happened on the street, all four would have been in Govan police office."

Terry Butcher, aged 29, Graham Roberts, aged 28, and Chris Woods, aged 28, all of Rangers, and Frank McAvennie, aged 28, of Celtic, deny conducting themselves in a disorderly manner and committing a breach of the peace at the stadium on October 17.

Chief Supt William Marshall told the hearing, before Sheriff Archibald McKay: "They squared up to each other. If they hadn't been on a football field I would have thought they were about to start fighting."

He agreed with Lord Morton, representing Mr Butcher, that the player appeared to be trying to separate Mr Woods, the Rangers goalkeeper, and Mr McAvennie, the Celtic striker, after a video recording of the game had been shown.

Mr Moir said: "As a result of this incident the crowd erupted. I was struck in the face by a 10 pence coin and I was hit on the back of the legs by a piece of chair."

He admitted that he had not taken any action against a player after the match, nor had he reported the matter that day.

Mr Marshall said he had made a report to the Procurator Fiscal the following Monday on the request of the Chief Constable.

Earlier, defence counsel protested at the slow progress of the trial.

Mr Donald McAulay, QC, for Mr Roberts, said: "The four accused are paying for this case themselves. It is costing people money to sit here looking at useless evidence, if you can call it evidence."

Mr Marshall said the atmosphere at an Old Firm game was "tribal" with songs from Rangers supporters deriding "the Pope and the IRA", and Celtic supporters "the Queen and the UDA".

Mr Moir said that Old Firm matches were regularly accompanied by violence. The hearing continues today.

Moors mother told death facts

Mrs Winifred Johnson with Det Chief Supt Peter Topping on the moors yesterday (Photograph: Andrew Stenning).

By Ian Smith

After 23 years of mental torment Mrs Winifred Johnson was finally told yesterday how her son was lured at the age of 12 on to Saddleworth Moor and murdered by Ian Brady.

Details of her son's fate were disclosed to Mrs Johnson by Det Chief Supt Peter Topping, head of Greater Manchester CID, after he had spent three hours escorting her around the moorland site where they believe Keith was buried.

He told her that Keith Bennett was enticed into a car with Brady and Myra Hindley after being offered sweets and chocolates while walking to his grandmother's home. He was driven to Saddleworth Moor and persuaded to walk two miles to Shiny Brook, a lonely beauty spot, where he was strangled by Brady and buried.

Throughout their trek across Shiny Brook, Mrs Johnson had repeatedly demanded to be told of the confessions in which both Brady and Hindley last year described the killing to police.

"In my heart I knew within days of his disappearance that my son would never be found alive. And I have tortured myself with nightmares about how he was killed", Mrs Johnson said.

"Now I know that the end was quick and painless.

Fair trading chief makes double attack on pricing policies

Holiday firms deny 'rip-off' on levies

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Holiday companies imposing last-minute surcharges are "ripping off" the public on a huge scale, Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of the Office of Fair Trading, told MPs yesterday.

He was immediately accused by Britain's largest tour company of "giving a false and very misleading impression". Thomson Holidays and other tour firms said surcharges were made solely to recover the extra cost of aviation fuel.

Sir Gordon had told the Commons all-party trade and industry committee that the surcharges, ostensibly to cover increases in the price of aviation fuel, were without justification and breached the code of practice of the Association of British Travel Agents (Abta).

"They seemed to me to have been brought about because tour operators had been pushing prices down so low to get people to sign up and were looking for any excuse to put them up a bit to make some profit margin on the holidays", he said.

Sir Gordon disclosed that his office had taken the matter up with Abta, which had as a result announced that from this winter no surcharges would be imposed within 21 days of a holiday beginning.

However, Sir Gordon not only wants the undertaking to be extended to holidays booked for this summer but is concerned that tour operators should abide strictly by Abta's code of practice, stating that no unnecessary surcharges must be made.

There had been no recent increase in the price of aviation fuel to justify any of the surcharges being imposed by the tour operators, Sir Gordon said.

The issue was raised by Mr Joe Ashton, Labour MP for Bassetlaw, who had had to pay £12 in surcharges for himself, his wife and daughter when they went to Cyprus with Horizon holidays at Easter.

Sir Gordon agreed unreservedly when Mr Ashton suggested the operators were "ripping off the public by sending in the surcharges on the final account without any mention of these in their brochure".

Mr Ashton suggested that with 17 million people a year taking package holidays, and with surcharges averaging £4 to £5, the operators were making huge amounts from these surcharges. Sir Gordon agreed that "it must be a substantial sum of money".

Thomson Holidays, which carries about one in three of British holidaymakers going abroad, said there was no question of leading tour operators imposing surcharges in the hope of making extra profit.

"Any surcharge we make is calculated 10 weeks before departure and solely reflects the extra cost to us of aviation fuel. We certainly do not make a penny profit from them."

Any surcharges were kept to a minimum. People flying from Gatwick to Malaga in June, one of the most popular routes, would pay an extra £1.51 a head, 10 per cent going to the travel agent and the remainder to the airline.

Horizon, which claimed the extra £4 a head from the MP, said that between the time its brochure had been produced last April and Mr Ashton's departure at Easter fuel prices had increased by 25 per cent.

"We are certainly not ripping off anybody. At the time we produce our brochures, we are faced with a number of imponderables, including the cost of fuel. All surcharges do is cover our additional costs."

Horizon estimated that surcharges this summer would average £2 a head.

In a second initiative from the Office of Fair Trading, Sir Gordon hinted strongly yesterday that he is preparing to call in the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to investigate allegations of petrol price-fixing by the main oil companies.

MPs on the trade and industry committee had accused him of "complacency" in the face of substantial evidence from the Petrol Retailers' Association, petrol station owners and others of widespread anti-competitive practices.

The MPs, who have already exposed the fact that the big oil companies routinely supply petrol to each other's stations, claimed that they had "carved up" the market between them.

The petrol retailing industry was last investigated by the commission in 1979, when it asked the Office of Fair Trading to monitor the situation on a regular basis.

Sir Gordon told the MPs: "Clearly it is part of my job to examine all the evidence being put to this committee, and indeed your own report, alongside my own regular annual monitoring . . . I will be considering all that with a view to the possibility of a reference of the petrol industry to the MMC."

In the face of hostile questioning Sir Gordon admitted that the big oil companies "did not compete hard on price".

He said the very strict control exerted by the companies on petrol stations and their pricing levels came "very close" to illegal retail price maintenance.

Charter firm sets sights on Australia

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Package holidays to Australia could soon replace the annual summer rush to Spain and Greece, according to Britain's second biggest airline.

Britannia Airways is confident that up to 200,000 British holidaymakers a year who are tired of charter flight holidays to Palma, Malaga, Alicante or Corfu would be prepared to pay up to three times for a holiday in Australia.

It has applied to the Civil Aviation Authority for a licence to operate charter flights to the southern continent. Mr Brian Christian, commercial director of Britannia Airways, said: "People who are prepared to spend £300 or £400 on a holiday are beginning to look further afield than the costas.

"Our research shows that at least 200,000 leisure travellers a year would now be prepared to spend about £1,100 on a three-week package to Australia even if it means foregoing a week or two in Spain for a couple of years."

Britannia is about to take delivery of two new Boeing 767s with extended-range capability, enabling it to fly to Australia from Luton or Stansted within 24 hours,

An application for permission to sell seat-only tickets, which would undercut the present cheapest scheduled return air fare, is likely to be opposed by British Airways and Qantas.

● More than a third of all foreign holidays last year were taken in Spain, the British Tourist Authority said yesterday.

● More than 15 million overseas visitors, equal to the record total of 15,600,000 visitors to Britain last year, would use the Channel Tunnel in its first year of operation in 1993, Mr John Lee, Minister for Tourism, told the Waterside 2000 conference at Bristol yesterday.

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Prize for a keen gardener

The secretary of the Culham Laboratory, one of the establishments of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, is today's outright winner of the £4,000 first prize in the Portfolio Gold competition.

Mr Graham Wynn, of Ludlow Drive, Thame, Oxfordshire, is a keen gardener and hopes to put his winnings towards a conservatory at his home. He intends to put any residue towards a holiday in Ireland, with his Irish wife, Rita, and three sons.

Mr Wynn, aged 56, oversees research into nuclear fusion, which is aimed at controlling forces to produce electricity.

He said: "It was a wonderful surprise and it certainly made the day. The only other prize I have ever won was a half-bottle of gin in a raffle."

Partners in dispute over theft

By Michael Horsnell

The part-time employment of police officers on a security contract run by a private detective agency led to disputes between the company's two partners, an inquest was told yesterday.

The partner oppposed to hiring officers, Mr Danny Morgan, was found dead with an axe through his face in a south London public house car park.

The jury at Southwark Coroner's Court, was told how Mr John Rees, the other partner, used off-duty detectives as security officers for a firm of car auctioneers. Mr Rees was robbed of £18,000 of Belmont Car Auctions' takings while trying to bank it.

Mr Peter Newby, the former office manager at the agency, Southern Investigations, said: "Danny was very unhappy about the whole of the robbery and that the money had been lost . He was also unhappy because of John Rees's involvement with police officers in the Belmont affair."

He named the officers as Det Sergeant Sidney Fillery, Det Constable Alan Purvis and Det Constable Peter Foley. Mr Newby said that Sergeant Fillery had joined Mr Rees at Southern Investigations after the death of Mr Morgan, aged 37.

Mr Newby said the agency had to lodge £10,000 with the High Court over the legal action taken by Belmont to regain its takings and that Mr Morgan was upset his firm should have to pay.

Mr Newby said: "He said he felt John had exceeded his authority as a partner. They had an agreement they would never carry cash in transit. The situation between them had soured.

He also told the inquest that Mr Rees had told him the night before Mr Morgan's murder that he had got "the finger treatment from Sid".

Sid was Sergeant Fillery, who did not like the way Mr Morgan behaved in a public house they all used.

Mr Newby said Mr Morgan met his death after a meeting with Mr Rees in the Golden Lion at Sydenham, south London. Mr Rees was reluctant to answer police questions after a murder inquiry was launched, Mr Newby said. The inquest continues today.

Vicar describes anguish of loneliness

By Ronald Faux

A vicar whose plan to bring more evangelism to services has prompted bitter opposition among villagers said yesterday he had suffered loneliness because of the misrepresentation of his views.

The Rev John Earp, of the Church of St John the Evangelist in Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, said only his closest friends knew what the last two to three years had been like for him.

Mr Earp, aged 69, and vicar of St John's for 26 years, said there had been no chance to explain because protest meetings had been held behind his back. Speaking on the second day of an ecclesiastical hearing at the church hall into his plan, Mr Earp said he thought some people would leave the church, but he doubted there would be a mass exodus. "My experience is that parishes have a remarkable resilience."

Changes Mr Earp wants to introduce include replacing the pews with chairs, which could be stacked away to make room for dancing during services. He has already put castors on the altar so it can, when needed, be moved closer to the congregation.

Mr Earp said: "I believe it is something that God has given me to do as part of my ministry here".

He said some people felt uncomfortable about modern-style worship including the "kiss of peace" in which members of the congregation shake hands. His wife did not like to be greeted in that way.

Mr Roger Kilgannon, chairman of St John's finance and building committee, said the plans were part of the church's role to provide for all the parishioners.

Mr Brian Carlisle, churchwarden and leader of the St John's Protectors, a group set up to oppose the vicar's plans, accused Mr Earp of ruthlessness in pressing his reforms

The protesters had put forward a compromise which would have allowed more space in front of the chancel steps for young people to hold their informal style of worship but this had been rejected without discussion. The hearing continues today.

Mugged thief barred from getting award

An Underground mugger who became a victim of violence on a bus failed yesterday in a High Court attempt to challenge a decision that he was not entitled to compensation.

Mr Justice Kennedy ruled that the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board had acted correctly last November when, because of his criminal record, it refused Mr Danny Taylor, aged 21, of Gants Hill, Ilford, compensation for pain suffered when he was stabbed in the face and stomach.

Tombstone artists sense a last-minute revival

By Alan Hamilton

Monumental masons, two-thirds of whom have been driven out of business since the end of the Second World War by the fashion for cremation, are praying for a resurrection of popularity in the tombstone.

Representatives from all branches of the human disposal business are meeting in Coventry this week. They will hear that there is a growing and largely unfulfilled demand from the customer for their services.

Cremation accounts for 67 per cent of all exits from British life, compared with only 5 per cent at the end of the war. But since 1983 the number of remains taken away from crematoria for disposal elsewhere has increased by 18 per cent, and the number ordered to be kept while relatives decide what to do with them has increased by 53 per cent.

Dr Frances Clegg, a bereavement counsellor, has worked with families who lost relatives at Zeebrugge or King's Cross. She has completed a research project with Hull University which shows that the bereaved need memorials on which to concentrate their thoughts.

"Results show a significant tendency for regrets to follow cremation rather than burial", Dr Clegg concludes. "Some concern the choice of cremation as such but a substantial proportion arise from dissatisfaction with the subsequent location of the cremated remains. People spoke of not knowing where the ashes are, of wishing that the scattering or interment of ashes had been in a more meaningful place, and of lacking a focus for their grief."

Dr Clegg also says it is quite normal for the bereaved to "actively interact" with a memorial.

"Premature severance of the relationship by not allowing these needs to be met may be just as harmful to someone working through their grief as the undue prolongation of mourning and attachment to the dead person", Dr Clegg says.

She found that nearly two-thirds of those she interviewed were helped by having a memorial, and that a Book of Remembrance, sometimes the only memorial available at municipal crematoria, was inadequate.

The efforts of monumental masons to reintroduce the headstone are resisted by crematoria and diocesan church authorities, who in their drive for easy maintenance of hallowed ground prefer their grass uncluttered.

There is plenty of room in most churchyards for the burial of cremated remains. However, the Rev Prebendary John Howe from Lichfield, Staffordshire, a delegate at this week's conference, said that his own diocese discouraged standing headstones for cremated ashes that were subsequently buried in churchyards, although it was prepared to allow small flat stones set into the grass.

Mr Sam Weller, director of the masons' public relations body, said: "We have an instant disposal attitude towards life. People of the future will look at the cemeteries of today and say: 'What a dreadful civilization that must have been'."

British Airways Plc and British Caledonian Airways Limited-Merger completed.

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Police chiefs ready to defy authorities over plastic bullets

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

An overwhelming majority of chief constables say they would use plastic bullets in a riot, if they thought it necessary, irrespective of the views of their police authorities, a conference of the Police Foundation, an independent research body, was told in Oxford yesterday.

Dr Robert Reiner, reader in criminology at Bristol University, said in a paper that 71 per cent of the chief constables would take that action in those circumstances.

He based his paper on interviews with 39 of the 43 chief constables in England and Wales.

Dr Reiner asked how they would handle the situation if their police authority had expressly told them it was against the use of plastic bullets.

Only one said he would defer to the police authority's view, and there were highly exceptional circumstances in his relationship with his authority because of past friction.

Ten said the question would never arise in their area, because they saw eye to eye with their authorities on the issue. Most of those either would not themselves be in favour of using plastic bullets, or were undecided.

"Most chiefs added that they would either do their utmost to persuade the police authority of the rightness of their action, or that the issue would not arise in their area because they enjoyed their authority's full support.

"But if it came to the crunch they would act according to their professional understanding, irrespective of the police authority's position."

But 61 per cent of the chief constables favoured the establishment of a local police authority for London on the same basis as exists for the provinces.

Dr Reiner believed that response mainly reflected "the genuine perception that the provincial chiefs benefit in the main from the relationship with their authorities, so long as these don't get out of hand".

Although 53 per cent were against a fully independent system for investigating complaints against the police, 32 per cent were in favour, and 15 per cent were undecided.

The paper said: "Support for independent investigation was not based on an acceptance that there were substantive deficiencies in internal police investigations or a lack of independence on the part of Police Complaints Authority. It was seen as necessary to secure public confidence in the system."

Referring to central government influence, some chief constables cited instances where Home Office intervention had extended to specific operations, although many maintained it did not.

Cases of complaint against police in the Metropolitan Police area have fallen from almost 5,500 in 1979 to under 3,000 in 1987, Mr Mike Maguire and Dr Claire Corbett, of Oxford University's Centre for Criminological Research, say in their paper to the conference.

There was some support for the explanation that the reductions were due to greater efforts by shift inspectors to allay grievances and dissuade people from making a formal complaint.

● The Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, met Scotland Yard chiefs yesterday to discuss growing concern being expressed over the extent of freemasonry in the police.

King of open road rises again

Mr David Bishop, manufacturing director of British Motor Heritage, left, and Mr Peter Mitchell, managing director, with a newly built MGB shell. In the background is the last factory-built MGB, produced in 1980 (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

The MGB is to rise again, eight years after being killed off when it was no longer economic to sell the two-seater in the United States, its biggest market.

New MGB body shells will begin rolling out of a modern factory unit at Faringdon, near Swindon, Wiltshire, next June to be snapped up by enthusiasts.

Already, more than 100 MGB owners are on the waiting list, ready to spend more than £1,300 on a body shell built by the Rover Group's British Motor Heritage subsidiary, which ensures that the company's old cars can be restored with well-made spare parts.

Mr David Bishop , manufacturing director of the company, said: "We want to keep as many MGBs on the road as possible. We are not re-inventing the car but the new body shell will keep the MGB alive into the twenty-first century."

He said that almost all the parts to build a new MGB were still available. An enthusiast could build one from scratch for less than £5,000.

The original tools and manufacturing jigs will be used by 10 workers to weld the body together from 250 separate steel pressings.

The company is proposing to revive other famous models, subject to the tooling being available. While it is too late to bring back the revered Healey 3000, there is hope for the "Frogeye" Sprite, the MG Midget and perhaps the Morris Minor.

Rail union demands inquiry on brakes

By Roland Rudd

Rail travellers risk injury because of a faulty braking system, according to a dossier complied by Aslef, the train drivers' union.

Mr Derrick Fullick, assistant general secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, says several recent train accidents were due to the Westcode brake. He adds: "Management should order an immediate inquiry".

British Rail said: "Investigations into accidents did not find any underlying factor. Brakes are definitely not the problem, although human error can be."

In this month's edition of the *Locomotive Journal*, the union has published a management directive to drivers telling them not to be "overconfident with the new Westcode brake fitted to class 142 and class 150 trains". It also warns the drivers "not to assume" a good brake.

The union dossier, compiled over nine years, alleges that the braking system "simply fades away" at below 20 miles an hour.

Drivers also complain of faults in a device intended to prevent skidding and sliding.

Mr Neil Milligan, Aslef general secretary, is meeting management on May 11.

King's Cross inquiry

Wood escalators remain big risk

London Underground has still not faced up to the urgent need to replace wooden escalators, the inquiry into the King's Cross fire was told yesterday. The blaze, which killed 31 people, started at a wooden escalator.

At the moment the Underground aims to replace six of them a year with metal ones. Mr Roger Henderson, QC, counsel to the inquiry, questioned whether that rate was anywhere near appropriate or acceptable in the light of the disaster.

If the worsening fire record of wooden escalators had been heeded there would have been a big improvement in the replacement rate, he said.

Twenty-one of the 118 escalators, 66 of which are the same as at King's Cross, are more than 50 years old; 54 are between 40 and 49 years old; and 20 are 30 to 39 years old.

A comprehensive report on escalator replacement sent by the Underground management to the Department of Transport last February was criticized by Mr Henderson for the way it failed to analyse which escalators were most at risk from fire.

Analysis had been done by officials of the inquiry, studying the thousands of Underground documents submitted for the report — but such analysis did not appear to have been done within the Underground itself.

"This is an important report and its contents give rise to serious concern", Mr Henderson said.

He also read from documents dated between 1975 and the fire last November about the replacement programme.

Although some documents referred to fire risks, none conceded there was a big problem which meant wooden escalators should be replaced more quickly. Mr Henderson said: "I don't think there is such a document at all. Even now, when we come to 1988, London Underground itself doesn't appear to go that far."

Some of the documents were strongly financially orientated and the main hazards they addressed were of mechanical failure and catastrophic collapse.

The stated benefits of replacing wooden escalators with metal included ease of cleaning and maintenance. The reduced fire risk was only briefly mentioned, Mr Henderson said, in spite of the considerable increase in the number of fires on wooden escalators in the past 15 years.

Management plans suggested there was not a serious addressing of issues which were at the heart of the inquiry, Mr Henderson said. The inquiry continues today.

£1.2m raised from Liberace effects

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

The marathon sale of Liberace's effects was concluded in Los Angeles with a total of £1.2 million raised.

The late performer's 13 limousines sold well, his 1966 Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow fetched £28,587, more than twice the estimate, and a 1981 Zinner Golden Spirit, with four long trumpets extending from its radiator and "especially made for Liberace" emblazoned on the dashboard, went for £25,480.

Tuesday, the end of the four-day Liberace sale, was also a boom day for Christie's in New York.

Virtually everything was sold at its auction of English and Continental silver, sent by various American collectors, and fine Russian works of art.

Mr Jacques Koopman, the London dealer, was active, buying seven of the top lots. These included an octafoil George I salver by John Chartier of London, for which he paid £35,700, more than double its upper estimate, and £22,594 for a George II cake basket by Thomas Farren, also of London.

Top price was £225,945 — nearly four times the estimate — for a set of 12 German dwarf candlesticks, four and a half inches high.

First consigned to Christie's from a "foreign royal collection" in 1951, and bought this week by an anonymous collector, the price reflected that prestige.

Other high prices included £112,972 for a George II tea-kettle, stand, lamp and tray, by Paul de Lamerie; and £59,459 for a set of 24 George III soup plates by Paul Storr, which was three times the estimate.

Top price at the Russian sale was £29,729 for a Fabergé silver mounted presentation vase.

The total for the silver sale was £1.6 million, and for the Russian sale, £500,000.

Stars pose puzzle

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

Astronomers in Hawaii have discovered what they believe is the oldest galaxy yet found, lying on the outermost fringes of the visible universe.

It is estimated at more than 13 thousand million years old and challenges key theories about the universe.

Scientists believed that the universe was created in a colossal explosion about 15 thousand million years ago until Dr Simon Lilly of the University of Hawaii discovered the galaxy.

The enormous heat the creation generated should have prevented matter condensing into the galaxies we now see for at least four thousand million years, according to some theories.

Another puzzle facing astronomers is that Dr Lilly's galaxy appears to be older than many quasars whose violence is widely believed to represent the birth-pangs of galaxies.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Spanish expel Fleming again

Madrid – Spanish authorities yesterday expelled Mr John Fleming, aged 47, who was acquitted last year in London on charges relating to a £20 million Heathrow bullion robbery (Harry Debelius writes). A spokesman for the Seville Governor's office in Alicante said that Mr Fleming left the city at about 6 am local time in a car escorted by several policemen bound for the French border at La Junquera.

He was expelled for violating an expulsion order issued against him in November, 1985, which remains in effect for five years from the date of issue. It was the second Spanish expulsion order against the Briton: the first he was expelled was in 1976 after serving a prison term in connection with a fraud case in Gerona. Mr Fleming's presence in Spain came to light early this month as a result of a minor traffic accident in Benidorm.

President's divorce

Bogotá – President Jaime Lusinchi of Venezuela has been granted a divorce from his wife after 39 years of marriage (Geoffrey Matthews writes). The divorce was announced while Señor Lusinchi, aged 63, continued an official visit to Indonesia.

It is widely expected that he will eventually marry his attractive private secretary, Señorita Blanca Ibánez, who is about 20 years his junior and has been dubbed "Venezuela's Eva Perón" because of her considerable powers within the Government. She is alleged to have orchestrated press censorship and to have used the country's secret police to tap the phones of the President's political enemies and of his former wife.

Byrd to step down

Washington – Senator Robert Byrd of West Virigina, left, is to step down as the Senate majority leader at the end of this year (Mohsin Ali writes). Mr Byrd, aged 70, told his fellow Democrats that he would, however, run for re-election to the Senate in November. Leading candidates to replace him as the Democratic leader are expected to be Senators Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, Bennett Johnston of Louisiana, and George Mitchell of Maine.

Suicide blast kills 3

Johannesburg – A suspected African National Congress "terrorist" blew up himself and two white policemen in the black township of Mpumulanga in Natal early yesterday, the police said (Michael Hornsby writes). A second suspect died in a shoot-out in the same area, and a search was under way for a third man. The police had cornered the men after spotting them with an AK47 rifle.

Panama gun battle

Panama City (Reuter) – About 100 US Marines exchanged sporadic fire, including mortar rounds, for about two hours with 40 to 50 unidentified intruders at a fuel storage depot near the Howard Air Base, a US military spokesman said yesterday. No casualties were reported on either side. The spokesman could not confirm or deny that the attackers were members of the Panamanian Defence Forces.

Coup alert in Manila

Manila – President Aquino of the Philippines leaves for a visit to China and Hong Kong today with a nationwide military alert in force until her return on Sunday (Humphrey Hawksley writes). It is her first overseas visit since an abortive coup last August and it is feared that Colonel Gregorio Honasan, who led the coup but escaped from custody, may act while Mrs Aquino is away.

Judges can be sued

Rome – Italians wrongfully jailed because of a magistrate's blunder will soon be able to take the judge to court, sue him and even have him imprisoned under a new law approved by Parliament (Roger Boyes writes). The law, which was passed overwhelmingly on Tuesday in spite of the absence of a government, comes into effect next month.

KGB chief blames Western agents for ethnic unrest

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mr Viktor Chebrikov, chief of the KGB and a senior member of the Politburo, yesterday delivered a hard-hitting speech accusing Western secret services of playing a part in stirring up the recent ethnic crisis in the Soviet republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Making a rare public address, the head of the secret police dismissed scathingly the demands of more than one million demonstrators in mostly Christian Armenia for the redrawing of boundaries with the neighbouring republic of Azerbaijan, which has a mainly Muslim population.

His attack, delivered during an awards ceremony in the Chuvash Autonomous Territory, which forms part of the Russian Federation, largest of the 15 Soviet republics, was seen in diplomatic circles here as a clear sign that the recent tough approach to nationalist demonstrators will continue.

"It is an open secret that secret services of imperialist powers and foreign anti-Soviet centres actively join extremist nationalistic actions," the KGB chief declared. "Later on they start playing the part of open instigators of hostile actions aimed at kindling hostility among nations. One should not underestimate the danger of this method of subversive actions against this country".

The speech, published by Tass, was also seen as an attempt to discredit the organizers of recent nationalist protests in Armenia and in other parts of the Soviet Union, including Georgia and the Baltic republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Mr Chebrikov, believed to be in charge of the Kremlin operation to stem the growing wave of ethnic unrest, added: "However, in my opinion, the main attention should be concentrated on a timely solution to the emerging socio-economic problems, on the education in patriotic and internationalist spirit, preventing any attempts to set those two nations against each other."

He dismissed the mass street protests aimed at securing the return of the predominantly Armenian Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan to Armenia.

His remarks were the clearest statement yet from the Kremlin that the initial leeway given by the security forces to the Armenian demonstrators in February, when hundreds of thousands gathered freely in the capital of Yerevan, would not be repeated. They were also regarded as indirect criticism of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, who initially appeared to show sympathy towards the demands of the protesters.

The speech also contained a thinly-veiled warning to the editors of the more reformist Soviet papers and magazines, who have previously been attacked by Mr Chebrikov and his conservative allies inside the Politburo for their liberal interpretations of *glasnost*.

"Today, we openly lay emphasis on shortcomings and negative phenomena, and with very good reason, we expose their root causes and do a great deal for clearing our society of all that is incompatible with the ideals and principles of socialism," he said.

"However, this is only one side of the question. The other one is that we should by no means permit the belittling of the positive example, should propagate more actively advanced experience and labour achievements of the people who personally put into practice the transformations outlined by the party."

These remarks are seen by Moscow intellectuals as a clear warning to progressive publications to switch the balance of their cover to emphasizing the positive aspects of present-day Soviet society, as opposed to criticizing its shortcomings.

Warsaw tribute to ghetto heroes

Politics splits celebrations

From Richard Bassett, Warsaw

Five days of ceremonies and conferences begin here today commemorating the 45th anniversary of the ghetto uprising in Warsaw against the Nazis.

As early as July 1942, as the Germans began to deport the population of the Warsaw ghetto to the gas chambers at Treblinka, a Jewish fighting organization was set up preparing bunkers and petrol bombs. When the SS entered the virtually deserted ghetto for the final round-up on April 19, 1943, the resistance fought it tooth and nail for a month.

Before committing suicide with his comrades, the leader of the ghetto rising , Mordechai Anielewicz said: "I have seen Jewish self-defence in all its glory."

This week's commemoration, which will culminate with the unveiling of a marble monument recording the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Jews who were transported to Treblinka, will be attended by Jewish delegations from all over the world.

Earlier this week two senior Israeli government ministers arrived on an unprecedented visit to the Polish capital.

However, Mr Yitzhak Navon, the Deputy Prime Minister, and Mr Avraham Sharir, the Justice Minister, who are accompanied by six members of the Israeli Parliament, were not expected to meet Polish officials.

Long Jewish memories of Polish anti-Semitism before the Second World War when Jewish Poles were forced to attend law classes at university by sitting on a "ghetto bench" are also likely to overshadow this weeks events.

The dwindling population of Polish Jews still resident in Warsaw also recall the Jewish purges of 1968, when the Gomulka Government exploited student riots to remove Jews from party positions.

Over two-thirds of the country's remaining Jewish population was forced to emigrate.

If these sensitive issues are not enough to keep the Polish Government busy over the next few days, it must also contend with a group of opposition figures and former Second World War underground commanders who are organizing their own independent commemoration.

Polish dissidents formed recently an eager 46-member civic committee – including Mr Marek Edelman, the only surviving leader of the uprising – to organize unofficial celebrations.

The committee, which was accused by the Goverment of exploiting the aniversary in order to "play small political games" is determined to organize a candle-lit march from the oficial monument commemorating the ghetto heroes.

A similar unofficial rally five years ago marking the 40th anniversary of the rising was dispersed by riot police.

As hundreds of Jews pour into the Polish capital for the next week, kosher drinks stores and restaurants are suddenly being opened in the centre of Warsaw. They are mostly conversions of older, more established restaurants.

Doctor says toxic spray used against protesters

Israelis accused of nerve gas killings

Vienna (Reuter) – Israeli soldiers have used new and highly toxic gases against demonstrators in Gaza and the West Bank, a United Nations doctor who returned from the region recently said yesterday.

Dr John Hiddlestone, director of health of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, said at least two Palestinian youths had died after being sprayed, and in two camps he was told that 60 women had had miscarriages after being affected by gas.

He said Israeli troops were using the new gases in addition to normal tear gas to quell Palestinian riots in Gaza and the West Bank. One kind of gas caused severe abdominal pain and another immobilized its victims by weakening muscles when inhaled.

In one incident he alleged that two young men were beaten and and an aerosol was sprayed into the room. "The room was then shut and after an hour or so two bodies were removed."

He said samples of the spray, which formed a reddish powder on the walls, had been sent to the International Red Cross for analysis. "We have not yet had the results of that analysis but it looked as though these were some very toxic nerve gas," he added.

Dr Hiddlestone also described injuries he said were a result of beatings of Palestinians by Israeli soldiers using batons made of iron covered with plastic.

"They hit the cheekbones, causing the eye to come out," he said. "There was such a degree of accuracy that they must have had training for this particular blow."

In Tel Aviv, military officials acknowledged that people with health complications could be harmed by the tear gas, but strongly denied it would be harmful under normal circumstances. But an official said: "I believe that a tremendous amount of tear gas, for someone with a heart problem, might have a poor effect."

Of the baton accusations, he said: "Metal rods wrapped in plastic are not standard practice."

Gaza's Shifa hospital said yesterday that a 70-year-old Palestinian woman from a refugee camp died after inhaling tear gas the previous day.

Relief agency sources said that 3,252 Palestinians had been injured in clashes with Israeli security forces since last December.

● *JERUSALEM*: An Israeli Army patrol killed three heavily-armed guerrillas in a clash just north of the border with Lebanon. (David Bernstein writes). An Army spokesman said the battle took place early yesterday, about 150 yards inside the Israeli-policed zone in southern Lebanon.

Israeli troops manning a new riot control vehicle, designed to fire tear gas and rubber bullets, at the Shati camp in Gaza.

Young settlers display loathing for Palestinians

From David Bernstein
Jerusalem

"I have always hated the Arabs, even before this latest incident," says 16-year-old Yaacov, one of the group of Israeli settlers involved in last Wednesday's bloody confrontation with Palestinians in the West Bank village of Beita.

"I go through Nablus every day, and I see the hatred in the Arabs' eyes. I've had a lot of stones and petrol bombs thrown at me, and what happened on Wednesday has simply *strengthened* my hatred for the Arabs."

Seventeen-year-old Meira Katzover agrees. Another of those who took part in last Wednesday's hike and the daughter of a prominent settler leader, Mr Benny Katzover, Meira is convinced that dialogue with the Arabs is an illusion.

"I know that many Israelis share this illusion, but they *don't* live here among the Arabs, they don't know the situation. They believe that if we stick to the Arabs we will be able to make peace with them and live as good neighbours. I see no chance of that atall. Perhaps with a very few of them, avery few," she said. Leah Felix, also aged 17 and a close friend of Meira's, is adamant that the Arabs hate the Jews – "all the Jews, even those who try to be nice, who try to talk to them".

"And what they feel for me, I feel for them," she says. "If they hate me, I will hate them back. Even if I were to love them it wouldn't help. I hate them."

All three of the young settlers, interviewed yesterday on Galei Zahal, the Army radio station, a week after their traumatic experience, see a future where there will be far fewer Arabs, perhaps even none at all, in the areas they call Judaea and Samaria, and many, many more Jews.

> ❛ I go through Nablus every day, and I see the hatred in the Arabs' eyes ❜

The teenagers who took part in Wednesday's hike all come from the West Bank settlement of Eilon Moreh, perhaps the most controversial of all Israeli settlements. Deliberately conceived by the ultra-nationalistic Gush Emunim settler movement as an aggressive thrust into the heavily-populated Arab heartland of the West Bank, Eilon Moreh has from the start been in a state of sporadic conflict both with the Army and with its Arab neighbours.

The original settlers, led by Mr Katzover, won approval in 1979 from Mr Menachem Begin's Likud Government to establish a settlement on its present site. For almost five years before that they had engaged in a bitter confrontations with the Army, which several times removed them forcibly from illegal squatter settlements they had tried to set up without government approval. Since then they have lived uneasily with their Arab neighbours, an uneasiness that had twice before exploded into murder.

It is from this superheated background of hatred and bitterness that the young hikers come, and which their traumatic experience last Wednesday seems to have deepened.

Their views are hardly representative of most Israeli 16 and 17-year-olds; perhaps not even of most 16 and 17-year-old settlers. But they do represent a hard core of fanatical settler feeling which finds its political voice in the extreme right-wing Tehiya (Revival) party, and to a certain extent in the rabidly anti-Arab Kach Party of Rabbi Meir Kahane..

Recent polls have shown a significant swing to Tehiya as a result of the Government's handling of the unrest in the occupied territories during the past four months. This has been mostly at the expense of Mr Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud party, which is going to find it increasingly difficult during the run-up to elections later this year to resist the demands of the settlers for more settlements in the West Bank and tougher action against the Palestinians.

> ❛ Fanatical settler feeling finds its political voice in the extreme right-wing ❜

To satisfy these demands would undoubtedly win some votes, but their implementation would make infinitely worse an already disastrous situation in the occupied territories.

Militant's call for unity

Bhai Jasbir Singh Rode, right, the recently-released militant, surrounded by armed bodyguards before making a ringing call for unity at yesterday's gathering of 100,000 Sikhs.

Sikhs' new leader tries to heal ancient wounds

From Michael Hamlyn, Talwandi Sabo, Punjab

Bhai Jasbir Singh Rode, the new leader of militant Sikhs and the present best hope for the Indian Government to deal with, faced his first big test here yesterday. He acquitted himself comfortably well with a ringing plea for unity.

Bhai Jasbir Singh, recently released from jail and then promptly given the most senior and distinguished task in the Sikh religion, crowned his day by announcing the terms of a remerger between two hostile factions of the Sikh students' federation.

The All India Sikh Students' Federation has been the prime mover in the terror campaign aimed at the establishment of a separate Sikh nation they call Khalistan, since its leaders were the closest disciples of the terrorist holy man, Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale.

Its split into two factions with the leader of one, Mr Manjit Singh, in jail and the leader of the other, Mr Gurjit Singh, on the run, has led to confusion about the movement's aims, and has made it easy for one faction to undercut the other in any attempt to start negotiations.

Bhai Jasbir Singh, by virtue of his new post as high priest of the Akal Takht, the immortal throne of spiritual and temporal power, a man with both religious and political power, announced that the two would unite under Mr Manjit Singh's presidency. Until he is out of jail an ad hoc committee of five, including Mr Gurjit Singh, would lead the federation.

His success was undercut somewhat by a fiercely-worded statement from the Gurjit faction saying that they of course accepted his instruction to merge again, but only if the Manjit faction fully accepted the goal of Khalistan.

The spokesman, a black-bearded young man with a saffron turban, also issued a more general warning plainly directed at Bhai Jasbir Singh. He said that if anyone thought they could deal with the central Government without taking into account the views of the federation, they would meet the same fate as the last Sikh leader to sign an agreement with Mr Rajiv Gandhi, Sant Harchand Singh Longowal. He was assassinated.

Saffron turbans – the colour denotes those prepared to sacrifice themselves for the cause of religion – were everywhere to be seen yesterday in this historic little town on this historic day.

It was Basakhi Day, the first day of the Sikh new year. It marks the anniversary of the founding of the modern version of the Sikh faith. On Basakhi Day in 1699, Guru Gobind Singh, the tenth and last Sikh guru, first baptized his five most faithful followers and launched the militant movement of baptized Sikhs who call themselves the *"Khalsa"* or "pure".

Amritsar, India (AP) – **Sikh militants fired into the air with automatic rifles and other weapons inside the Sikh religion's holiest shrine, the Golden Temple, here yesterday. No injuries were reported.**

This village close to the border with Haryana is also the home of Damdama Sahib, a temple, where yesterday's festival was held.

More than 100,000 joyful Sikhs came to celebrate with a fair, with roundabouts and circuses and sideshows where they could be photographed looking suitably fierce against a painted mountain.

Around 6,000 of the most learned packed into the assembly hall. They heard a great deal about Sant Bhindranwale, for Basakhi is also one of his anniversaries. Ten years ago he launched his agitation against the heretic Sikh sect of Nirankaris.

On the platform, apart from Bhai Jasbir Singh, who is Sant Bhindranwale's nephew, was the Sant's octogenarian father, Baba Joginder Singh, who headed the first attempt at militant unity after the death of his son, leading a "united" Sikh party which shortly split the official party three ways.

Another of the Baba's sons also spoke. He was Harcharan Singh Rode, who was in the Indian Army at the time of the death of his brother in the army assault on the Golden Temple of Amritsar. He performed for the Government the service of identifying his brother's body and afterwards was promoted honorary captain. He has since retired. Sant Bhindranwale's nine-year-old son, Inderjit Singh, read a poem about the Sikh familiarity with sacrifice.

A Sikh in the audience muttered to me: "When Bhindranwale was alive, his relations would not come near him. Even his father was made to sit with the general public and was not recognized".

Bhai Jasbir Singh, at 34 still a comparatively youthful figure and lacking his uncle's deep burning eyes and hawk-like expression, managed to avoid mention of Khalistan in his speech, except when he, too, quoted the Sant's words: "If they attack the Akal Takht, they will lay the foundation stone of Khalistan".

If he can persuade the other factions of Sikh political life to unite behind him – as he put it "unite with the militants" – he will be well on the road to being enabled to deal with Mr Gandhi's Government. That is still, however, a big "if".

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Mujahidin leader says Kabul will be seized after Soviet pull-out

Cordovez rejects fears of bloodbath in Afghanistan

From Paul Vallely in Geneva and Edward Gorman in Peshawar

Despite a Mujahidin warning yesterday that the rebels would seize control of Kabul "within days" of a Soviet pull-out and a stinging condemnation of the agreement due to be signed today securing a withdrawal of Soviet troops, the architect of the Afghan accord, Señor Diego Cordovez, remained confident the pact would hold.

Rejecting the notion that a bloodbath would follow the Soviet Army's departure, the UN mediator said: "I think that things will start changing now. There will be a fundamental change of attitude among all the people. The refugees will go back. There will be pressure on Afghan politicians to change their approach. People will go back to their traditional ways of behaviour. I am quite certain it will work well."

It was ironic, he said, that many Western governments and commentators who had previously pressed hard for a Soviet withdrawal were now — along with the Mujahidin — voicing such disquiet about its consequences. But the fact remained that the removal of Soviet forces was "a first but absolutely essential step to peace in Afghanistan".

However Mr Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, chairman of the seven-party Mujahidin alliance, attacked the Geneva peace accords due to be signed by Pakistan and Afghanistan as defective, unpracticable and ineffective.

In an interview with *The Times* at the heavily-fortified alliance headquarters in Peshawar, Mr Hekmatyar dismissed the entire UN-sponsored peace process as a waste of time. In a reference to the efforts of Señor Cordovez, and those of the Pakistan Foreign Ministry he said: "We are sorry for those who have wasted all of their time in the last six years with lengthy negotiations. Finally, they have reached the stage of signing a piece of paper which is defective, unjust and unpracticable."

He said he could not understand how the UN, which strives for the right of self-determination for all nations, could allow an agreement to be reached under its auspices which would in effect ensure that "an illegitimate puppet regime" would remain in place in Kabul.

A report in Tuesday's *Los Angeles Times*, quoting Pakistani intelligence sources, claimed that Sunday's disaster at an ammunition dump outside Islamabad was caused by the Afghan Government's Khad (secret service) agents. A senior Western diplomat in Islamabad, however, rejected the story categorically. The Government, which has ordered an inquiry, says it does not rule out sabotage.

He was in no doubt that by signing in Geneva the Pakistanis, and by implication the UN itself, were playing into the hands of the Russians, who had achieved their principal ambition: a lengthy withdrawal period during which they could establish economic and military conditions to ensure the survival of the Najibullah Government.

Nevertheless, he described the imminent withdrawal as "the first and biggest stage of our final victory". He said that the resistance currently controlled 90 per cent of Afghanistan and that a Mujahidin victory over Kabul would come in a matter of days after the last of the Soviet troops had left.

Any accord acceptable to the Mujahidin would have to result from direct negotiations between the two "real parties" to the conflict, the Russians and the Mujahidin, he added.

Critics of the agreement, which provides for the Russian withdrawal but allows the Soviet Union and United States to continue arming the two sides in the Afghan civil war, claim that the peace plan is little more than a face-saving operation for the superpowers. They say that Afghanistan will slip into anarchy after the Russians leave, as war continues between the Communist Government in Kabul and the seven Mujahidin rebel groups, themselves likely to decline into internecine feuding. Pakistan was persuaded to drop its demand for an interim government in Kabul representing all factions before signing the accord.

Yesterday, as last-minute haggling continued over the seating plan for today's signing in Geneva, Señor Cordovez, the UN Under Secretary for Political Affairs, said that intelligence from Afghanistan led him to be optimistic about the situation after the troops' departure.

There would be two key elements in the situation after the Russians had gone — the attitude of the five million refugees in Pakistan and Iran, and the motivation of the Mujahidin commanders, Señor Cordovez said. "It is sometimes said that they (the refugees) won't go back so long as Mr Najibullah (the Afghan President) is in power. That is not so. Most of them probably do not even know Mr Najibullah's name. The reason most of them do not go back is because they hear reports there are soldiers still in their village. Once they hear the soldiers have gone, they will return and that in itself will inhibit continuing fighting."

The Mujahidin commanders' objective, he continued, "is to get the Russians out". When the Russians disappeared, so too would the only factor which unifies the rebels and prompts their combined resistance.

Señor Cordovez said: "Everyone should persuade the Afghans that they need to move towards a new government as soon as possible. But we cannot impose that upon them."

Yesterday the UN mediation team was confronted with last-minute hitches over the seating plan for the signing ceremony.

The Pakistan and Afghanistan groups, who are due to sign three separate agreements, have so far never met face to face. "Getting them to agree where to sit is almost as difficult as getting the agreement was in the first place," one UN official said.

The US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, and the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, will represent the superpowers. They will sign a separate agreement as guarantors. Sources close to the Soviet delegation here report that detailed preparations are well in hand for the troop withdrawal. "Vietnam is not going to happen to the Russians. They will not leave clinging to helicopter skids, like the Americans did in Saigon. They will not allow themselves to be harassed by the resistance as they retreat. There will be no private or public embarrassing spectacles. They are going to do it very skilfully."

The agreement provides for total withdrawal by February 15, 1989, but the Russians are indicating informally that they plan to be out by the end of this year. They intend to remove 50,000 troops by August and the rest by December.

Soviet troop strength in Afghanistan is estimated at 115,000, but it is said that as few as 20,000 of these are combatants. The withdrawal of the troops is to be monitored by 80 UN staff.

Mr Hekmatyar, a Mujahidin leader, has branded the Geneva peace accords as defective.

Ending of costly conflict helps Gorbachov's battle for change

**From Christopher Walker
Moscow**

Today's signing in Geneva of the pact which will take the Soviet troops home from Afghanistan will provide Mr Mikhail Gorbachov with a much-needed boost to his domestic popularity at a time when his reforms are under siege from powerful opponents in the Communist Party bureaucracy.

At every level of Soviet society there is no mistaking the enthusiasm for ending the involvement in the Afghan conflict which, after nearly eight years, seems to remain popular only among gung-ho career officers anxious for a theatre in which to make their names.

"I welcome it very much indeed, and so do my friends. It is time that our lads were able to come back home and to be free of the dangers they were facing there," one Moscow mother of two children said yesterday. "The date of May 15 (when the pull-out begins) is one everyone is talking about."

Among Soviet intellectuals, Mr Gorbachov's determination to press ahead with the withdrawal is seen as a welcome sign of his willingness to stand up to hardliners in the Kremlin, notably those who have argued that a withdrawal under such terms would be a humiliation.

> ❝ It is time our lads were able to come back home ❞

"Mr Gorbachov's style for the last three years has been always to appeal over the heads of his opponents to the Soviet people, and this gives him a perfect platform for doing that," a senior Western diplomat said. "In our style of democracy this is a decision that would have won him a great many votes."

In recent months, the official media has been unshackled by the Moscow censors and allowed to print the first details of the horrors of the war and of the horrendous difficulties facing returning veterans, who are often spurned by a society which pays little heed to their problems, particularly disability. This unshackling, which began last year, is seen as a crucial part in Mr Gorbachov's scheme of letting the people know the realities of the war rather than the sanitized and idealized versions previously presented. But as conversations with people in Moscow and other parts of the country quickly reveal, the bush telegraph has long ago communicated the grim truth.

The treaty signing is being portrayed as a prime example of the "new thinking" in international affairs which Mr Gorbachov has been pursuing. It comes as the press is devoting increasing space to combating what are described as attempts to mount a "political platform" against *perestroika*.

Yesterday, the weekly *New Times* carried a long article by Professor Anatoly Butenko attacking a polemic published last month by the popular Communist daily *Sovietskaya Rossiya*, challenging the furtherance of reform and defending Stalin.

The offending article, written in the form of a letter, was seen as inspired by supporters of Mr Yegor Ligachov, the Kremlin No 2 and party ideology chief who is the figurehead for the conservatives.

> ❝ Stalin's activities had nothing to do with socialism ❞

A day earlier, Pravda, which has emerged as Mr Gorbachov's main defender in the new battle against the conservative backlash, devoted much of its front page to letters prompted by its own full-page editorial attack on the original article in its sister paper Sovietskaya Rossiya — which most Kremlin watchers believe was inspired by Mr Ligachov.

The political struggle over the future of reform is expected to heat up in the approach to the all-union Communist Party conference due here from June 28-30, the first such gathering since 1941.

To have the troops returning from Kabul will greatly strengthen Mr Gorbachov's hand in seeking a mandate to pursue full-blooded reform.

Britain to celebrate Reagan's presidency

President Reagan's visit to Britain on his way home after the Moscow summit meeting is to be turned into a grand valedictory celebration of the Anglo-American relationship throughout his presidency (Andrew McEwen writes).

Government sources said that it was to be treated with pomp on a scale comparable with a full state visit, and would include meetings with the Queen and Mrs Thatcher.

Mrs Thatcher's trip to Poland and a tour of African countries planned by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, have been postponed because of it.

Sachs better

Maputo (AP) — Mr Albie Sachs, the South African lawyer and anti-apartheid activist, is "making a very good recovery" since losing his right arm in a car bomb explosion here last week.

Border death

West Berlin (AP) — A man was found hanged from a tree in a restricted area along the Berlin Wall. Officials had to negotiate with the authorities in East Berlin about taking the body down.

Curbs lifted

Tegucigalpa (AP) — The Honduran Government is lifting a five-day state of emergency imposed after riots protesting at the deportation of an alleged drug trafficker to the United States.

No deporting

Bonn — Pan Am airline staff in West Berlin have requested the right to refuse to help in deporting people whose applications for political asylum have been rejected.

Shop bombed

Turin (AP) — A shop specializing in Jewish publications was attacked with a fire-bomb. The previously unknown Revolutionary Anarchic Group claimed responsibility.

Mayor's guilt

Peking (Reuter) — The Mayor of Shanghai has accepted the blame for a ferry accident and a hepatitis epidemic that killed 22 people.

Libya talks

Cairo (AP) — President Mubarak of Egypt has accepted a proposal to meet Colonel Gadaffi of Libya.

Poll violence

Dhaka — At least six people were killed and 90 were injured in during elections for village mayors in Bangladesh.

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South Korean corruption scandal

Chun resigns his last two posts

From Gavin Bell, Seoul

One year after trying to obstruct democratic reforms in South Korea, former President Chun has been forced to relinquish his last vestiges of authority in disgrace.

Mr Chun announced yesterday that he was resigning as chairman of a council of elder statesmen, and as honorary president of the ruling Democratic Justice Party, because of the recent arrest of a younger brother on corruption charges. Addressing local reporters at his residence in Seoul, he said: "It is because of my lack of virtue that I failed to control my brother's behaviour."

Mr Chun's fall from grace, less than two months after stepping down as President, came amid growing demands for investigations into alleged scandals involving other members of his family during his seven-year rule.

If a day is a long time in politics, a year is an eternity. By an ironic coincidence, it was on the same date last year that Mr Chun tried to ban debate on constitutional reforms until after the Seoul Olympics later this year.

The nail in his political coffin was the arrest two weeks ago of his brother Mr Chun Kyung Hwan, aged 46, on charges of embezzling almost £6 million, accepting bribes and evading taxes while chairman of Saemaul, a rural development agency.

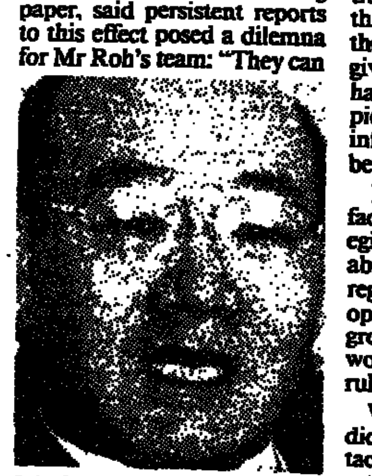
The former President, on his return from a private visit to the United States last weekend, publicly apologized for his brother's criminal activities but said he had not been aware of them.

This failed to impress Mr Kim Myung Yoon, acting president of the opposition Reunification Democratic Party, who said: "His pretension to be ignorant of the Saemaul scandal is an immoral act to deceive and ridicule the public. If he really wants the truth to be revealed, he should volunteer to be questioned by the prosecution."

The past conduct of Mr Chun and his relatives has become a prominent issue in a turbulent campaign for general elections on April 26, with the opposition trying to taint the ruling party with the corruption associated with the old authoritarian regime.

Senior officials of the Justice party were uncertain yesterday how the affair would affect their prospects in what is expected to be a close contest for control of the 299-seat National Assembly. They rejected suggestions that Mr Chun's ignominy was the outcome of a power struggle between members of his administration still in influential government positions and aides to President Roh.

However the Information Ministry, in a recent briefing paper, said persistent reports to this effect posed a dilemma for Mr Roh's team: "They can neither openly patronize nor cold-shoulder those who have been groomed by former President Chun ... so the key members of the new regime are finding themselves treading on thin ice."



Mr Chun speaking about the Saemaul affair yesterday.

The state council chaired by Mr Chun was formed after he retired from the presidency to advise on policy options, but last month the Government abolished provisions that would have allowed it to summon government officials and handle civil petitions.

The closest a Justice party official would come to admitting conflict was to say: "I think Chun might have sensed the mood of the people. By giving up everything, he may have wanted to eradicate suspicion that he was trying to influence government policies behind the scenes."

Regardless of the Chun factor, the Justice party strategists professed pessimism about the election, saying that regional loyalties favoured the opposition and that small groups and independents would capture votes from the ruling party.

Whether this gloomy prediction is merely an electoral tactic to galvanize support remains to be seen. If the fragmented opposition does gain control, however, the Chun clan's troubles may not be over. The Reunification party has vowed to invoke Assembly powers under the new democratic Constitution to investigate alleged misdeeds by Mr Chun's elder brother, father-in-law and a brother-in-law. There has been no suggestion that Mr Chun might face charges. But a lot can happen in a year.

Japan's banks get poison-pen letters

From David Watts, Toyko

An extortionist demanding £900,000 has launched a nationwide series of threats against one of Japan's biggest banks and accompanied the menaces with poison.

Menacing letters and poison enough to kill 3,000 people were sent to five branches of the Sanwa Bank in various parts of the country. The sender, using the pen name Mr Kazuo Tanaka, and writing in classical Japanese, first despatched six plastic bags of poison to a branch of the bank in Osaka, demanding that it pay the money for the purchase of 14 items including a radio-controlled helicopter, dynamite and gunpowder. The poisons included potassium cyanide, arsenic and potassium nitrate, among other lethal substances.

The sender warned that he would create panic by sending radio-controlled model aircraft loaded with explosives into banks and filling underground and commuter trains with cyanide and other lethal gases. The letters came from four different addresses in Osaka, all false.

The threats are being taken seriously because the handwriting suggests that the extortionist is not a young trouble-maker but most probably a radical bent on revolution and with a professional knowledge of poisons.

The threats began on April 4 according to Osaka police, who, in a change from their usual practice, yesterday gave details of the case, the biggest attempted extortion in Japan for four years. On April 6 the bank was instructed to leave a white flower at the employees' entrance as a sign that it was prepared to do a deal. But no one came to the bank to pick up the money.

Three days later a letter was received saying, "Our wish was ignored". On April 11 and 12, letters threatening to kill customers with cyanide gas were sent "because the bank president ignored our wish".

The earlier serious extortion case was in 1984. Known as the 21-Faced Monster case, it involved random poisoning, over 18 months, of chocolates and other products made by an Osaka food company. Despite a massive police operation, the case was never solved.

The failure of the police to solve that crime emphasized the deficiencies of a force with a worldwide reputation for keeping the crime rate low and solving cases quickly.

But Japan's police force operates within local boundaries and is unable to respond properly to nationally organized crime. Moreover, the force's reputation has already been tarnished by lax discipline, with several police officers "retired" for drunkenness offences.

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Britain to celebrate Reagan's presidency

President Reagan's visit to Britain on his way home after the Moscow summit meeting is to be turned into a grand valedictory celebration of the Anglo-American relationship throughout his presidency (Andrew McEwen writes).

Government sources said that it was to be treated with pomp on a scale comparable with a full state visit, and would include meetings with the Queen and Mrs Thatcher.

Mrs Thatcher's trip to Po land and a tour of African countries planned by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, have been postponed because of it.

Sachs better

Maputo (AP) – Mr Albie Sachs, the South African lawyer and anti-apartheid activist, is "making a very good recovery" since losing his right arm in a car bomb explosion here last week.

Border death

West Berlin (AP) – A man was found hanged from a tree in a restricted area along the Berlin Wall. Officials had to negotiate with the authorities in East Berlin about taking the body down.

Curbs lifted

Tegucigalpa (AP) – The Honduran Government is lifting a five-day state of emergency imposed after riots protesting at the deportation of an alleged drug trafficker to the United States.

No deporting

Bonn – Pan Am airline staff in West Berlin have requested the right to refuse to help in deporting people whose applications for political asylum have been rejected.

Shop bombed

Turin (AP) – A shop specialising in Jewish publications was attacked with a fire-bomb. The previously unknown Revolutionary Anarchist Group claimed responsibility.

Mayor's guilt

Peking (Reuter) – The Mayor of Shanghai has accepted the blame for a ferry accident and a hepatitis epidemic that killed 22 people.

Libya talks

Cairo (AP) – President Mubarak of Egypt has accepted a proposal to meet Colonel Gadaffi of Libya.

Poll violence

Dhaka – At least six people were killed and 90 were injured during elections for village mayors in Bangladesh.

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Austere Dukakis banks on his cool reasoning

From Charles Bremner, New York

With the fate of his presidential campaign effort quite possibly in the hands of New York's big Jewish electorate, Mr Michael Dukakis still stuck to his guns. He strode in front of Jewish leaders in Manhattan this week, pulled himself up to his full 5ft 8in, and did not tell *them* what they wanted to hear.

He did not oppose a Palestinian state, denounce the Rev Jesse Jackson for anti-Semitism, or affirm Jerusalem's stature as Israel's capital. "I will still vote for him, but I would vote for Al Gore if it were not for the Jackson presence," said an Orthodox leader, voicing a typical lack of enthusiasm for the Massachusetts Governor.

"I am what I am," has become the recent refrain of the cool New England technocrat, a man who believes he was born to be a public servant and who is now well on course to victory in the *Democratic* Party's *primary* campaign. "What you see is what you get," his 82-year-old mother, Euterpe, likes to tell reporters.

Far more the puritan Yankee than Zorba the Greek, the reformist Mr Dukakis wants to project his competence to an America tired of the visions, poetry and bungling of the Reagan Administration. He does not even try to *fire up* audiences, preferring to win them over by the cool reason he honed at his Quaker university, the Harvard Law School *and the* Kennedy School of Government.

Earnest, humourless, sometimes sanctimonious, he is an easy target for his critics, including fellow Democrats who believe that the country's *most popular party may be* heading for yet another presidential defeat just as all the signs suggest that the time is right for victory.

Mr Richard Nixon, now regarded as one of the country's wiser political minds, predicts that Mr Dukakis's lack of passion will lose him an election – *narrowly* – against Mr George Bush despite the Republican's pale persona. "Jackson is a poet, Cuomo is a poet, Dukakis is a word-processor," the former President said last Sunday.

Anyone who reads a newspaper knows that Mr Dukakis chose for his latest holiday reading a book called *Swedish Land Use Planning.* Does America want another Jimmy Carter, his detractors wonder. The Carter comparison is being invoked far and wide. Like Carter, Mr Dukakis is "offering his person to the nation". "Dukakis is Carter without the humour," goes a widespread jest.

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The similarities extend to style. Mr Dukakis is well known for his austere habits in Massachusetts. He takes the Underground to work from his *modest suburban* house, buys his suits in Filene's Bargain Basement, a famous Boston institution, neither smokes nor drinks, and talks *of growing tomatoes in* the White House rose garden.

But to his supporters the equivalence stops there. While Mr Carter was an engineer outsider who disdained politics and swamped himself in *the detail of day-to-day* administration, Mr Dukakis has spent his whole working life as a government insider, albeit in his home state.

"Michael Dukakis is like a government priest," Mr Richard Giesser, a friend of long standing, told an interviewer last week. "He has that kind of *devotion to his* work and that kind of sentiment about it."

There is another telling difference. Mr Carter was "Jimmy" to everyone, a man of the people. The austere Mr Dukakis is Mike only on his campaign posters. To his intimates, including his Jewish wife, Kitty, *he is Michael.*

Unlike Mr Carter, Mr Dukakis is an optimist, with faith in a future of more jobs and growth of the kind that he has presided over in Massachusetts. In this, he appeals to the educated younger suburban electorate which swung behind Mr Gary Hart in 1984. But unlike Mr Hart, and also the old liberals of the Hubert Humphrey school, the Governor is a parsimonious cost-cutter who does not believe money is the key. "He talks right but thinks left," said one Republican strategist. "He's real dangerous for us."

Unlike Mr Carter, Mr Dukakis, who is aged 54, has learnt how to play the political game and he learnt the hard way. In his first term of Governor from 1975, he shunned the grubby deal-making of the old Irish Democratic machine, running roughshod over many sensibilities. *The cost was defeat in* 1978, an event his wife calls his "public death". He learnt the values of consensus while licking his wounds in his four-year "sabbatical" as a fellow at the Kennedy School at Harvard before putting his ideas back into practice after re-election in 1984.

As qualification for the White House job Mr Dukakis *invokes the "Massachusetts* Miracle", the transformation of his state from economic doldrums to high-tech showplace with one of the lowest unemployment rates in *the* country. "*Mike Dukakis is the* only chief executive among the candidates," says his New York televison commercial. "He's the only one who has balanced *budgets – nine of* them."

According to his critics, he merely managed the benefits of the Reagan boom that would have come the way of Massachusetts without him. *Maybe, he says, but he found* innovative ways to distribute the wealth, foster growth and help the poor while showing himself capable of taking the hard *budget decisions* required of a good manager.

On foreign policy, Mr Dukakis offers the standard liberal Democratic fare. He opposes Star Wars and aid to the Nicaraguan Contras, and he wants American behaviour abroad *to reflect the* country's "principles and values". Fairly naive, say the experts, who wonder if he is equipped to tackle the irrationalities of a *Khomeini or stand tough* enough against the seductive logic of Mr Gorbachov.

On another level, though, Mr Dukakis is better equipped than any recent President for insight into foreign thinking – *he speaks four languages,* including native Greek and fluent Spanish. While foreign policy is not winning or losing votes at this stage of the *Democratic campaign, his* languages and ethnicity are now proving one of his strongest cards.

And his origins as the son of two Greek immigrants are also proving a plus, at least in *the northern states. In his* Governor's *campaigns, he* played the cool New Englander against the back-slapping ethnic politicos. Now he brandishes his Hellenic roots *to counter the image of in*hibition. "How can a Greek be unemotional?" he says. "I like to think I combine the emotionality of my forebears and the frugality of the Yankees."

Mr Dukakis's family provided a further popular fillip this week when his cousin Olympia won an Oscar for her role in the 100 per cent ethnic film *Moonstruck.* "The Duke" feted the event by dining in the Greenwich Village Italian restaurant that features heavily in the film.

While the souvlaki-chomping, bouzouki-dancing Dukakis plays well in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, his strategists are working to broaden his appeal for conservative Southerners like the Texas party boss who told him: "We ain't never voted for no one with two k's in his name."

It is a given fact that a Dukakis ticket will require a running-mate with Southern appeal, as well as sex appeal, a man such as Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia, for example.

With victory now in sight, the experts are deluging Mr Dukakis with advice. For example, Fred Barnes, the influential commentator of *The New Republic*, told him this week that he badly needs to stop using abstractions like "social services", find some anecdotes and, above all, start building bridges with Mr Jackson.

Mr Dukakis wooing the crucial votes of Hassidic and Orthodox Jews on the streets of Borough Park in New York.

Boost for Bush with Iran arms trial delay

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

After a chaotic day of legal manoeuvring the first pre-trial hearings in the Iran-Contra scandal ended with a surprise statement by the judge that he would not hold the trial while the US presidential campaign was in full swing this autumn.

The decision is an enormous boost for Vice-President George Bush, dogged by doubts and questions about his role in the affair. It means the trial will be kept out of the headlines throughout the key part of the election campaign.

Judge Gerhard Gessell said *in the federal district court in* Washington: "I have a concern about the wisdom and the fairness – in the broadest sense of the word – about having this trial under way while ballots are being cast."

He did not set a trial date but said he hoped to begin as soon as July and to complete the proceedings before the November election. Defence lawyers, however, argued that they would need at least until March next year to get through the paperwork.

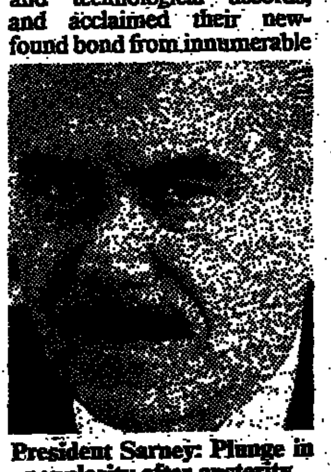
***Lieutenant-Colonel* Oliver North who sat in court in a civilian suit, retires from the Marines on May 1. The latest opinion poll, conducted by *USA Today,* shows that only 17 per cent of Americans now regard him as a hero. The other defendants are Rear Admiral John Poindexter, the former National Security Adviser; General Richard Secord, a *retired* Air Force commander; and Mr Albert Hakim, a business associate. The defendants have pleaded not guilty to conspiracy, theft and fraud.**

Argentina and Brazil forge survival links

From Mac Margolis, Rio de Janeiro

Brazil and Argentina, the two South American giants, have managed to defuse once volatile rivalry and move slowly towards an unprecedented cooperation agreement.

Since 1985, the two presidents, Señor Raul Alfonsin of Argentina and Señor Jose Sarney of Brazil, have exchanged half a dozen state visits, signed 22 commercial and technological accords, and acclaimed their newfound bond from innumerable podia. In the latest *entente,* when Señor Alfonsin spent three days with Señor Sarney last week, the pair signed another flurry of agreements, *removing tariffs* on some 524 manufactured goods and easing cross-border car sales.



President Sarney: Plunge in popularity after austerity.

Most importantly, they vowed to share information on the *development of* nuclear technology in the Declaration of Iperó, named after the newly inaugurated nuclear laboratory, near Saõ Paulo, where Brazil is *producing* enriched uranium. Argentina, which has built five laboratory nuclear reactors, is far ahead of Brazil in atomic research.

Señor Alfonsin said: "Now we have no more secrets." *Admiral Othon* Luiz Pinheiro da Silva, who runs the Iperó laboratory, said that the bilateral accord rejected inspection by international nuclear regulatory authorities and "declares war on the common enemy who would impede our technological development". *Both presidents* emphasized that their nuclear programmes had peaceful ends.

Beyond the pomp and protocols, the heads of state also penned a loftier pact, a "declaration of dawning", which aims to create permanent co-operation between Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay, their mutual neighbour.

The three countries together have a population of about 175 million and economies, which, although idling now in a period of slump, are tending towards expansion. The principle behind the agreement is to serve as a springboard *for* a South American common market, an old *but* unproven idea for the developing world.

In Latin America, much as in Africa, a combination of uneven development, lingering colonial bonds and the hard facts of global markets have weighed against a *strong* regional economic community. As though in a fierce scramble for second place, the developing countries have long overlooked their neighbours for more promising markets, technology, and culture from overseas.

So it was that Argentina, proud of its old-world heritage and once-robust economy, snubbed its neighbour to the north, cultivating ties with Europe.

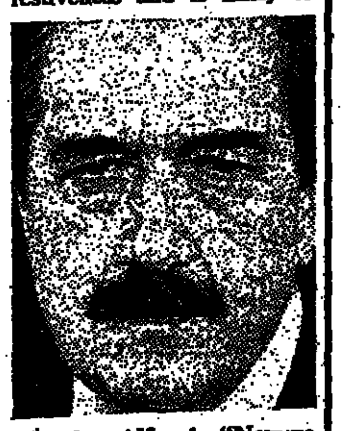
Brazil, concerned about catching up and worried about Argentina's designs on its southern borders, wooed more muscular allies in England and later wrapped itself in the mantle of a "special relationship" with Washington.

But both have grown considerably. Now Brazil produces more manufactured goods than primary products, and Argentina, while still heavily dependent on agriculture, has a large internal market and a *diversifying* economy. They have emerged more and more as competitors in the global economy.

The *rapprochement* between them has arisen at the best and worst of times for *both. The* bilateral effort was born three years ago, with the re-emergence of civilian rule in both Brasilia and Buenos Aires, and has been heralded as *the fruit of the two* budding democracies.

Conceived in times of staggering national debt, looming recession, and nagging inflation, their *new-found "latino-americanismo"* has also been raised like an umbrella of mutual self-help.

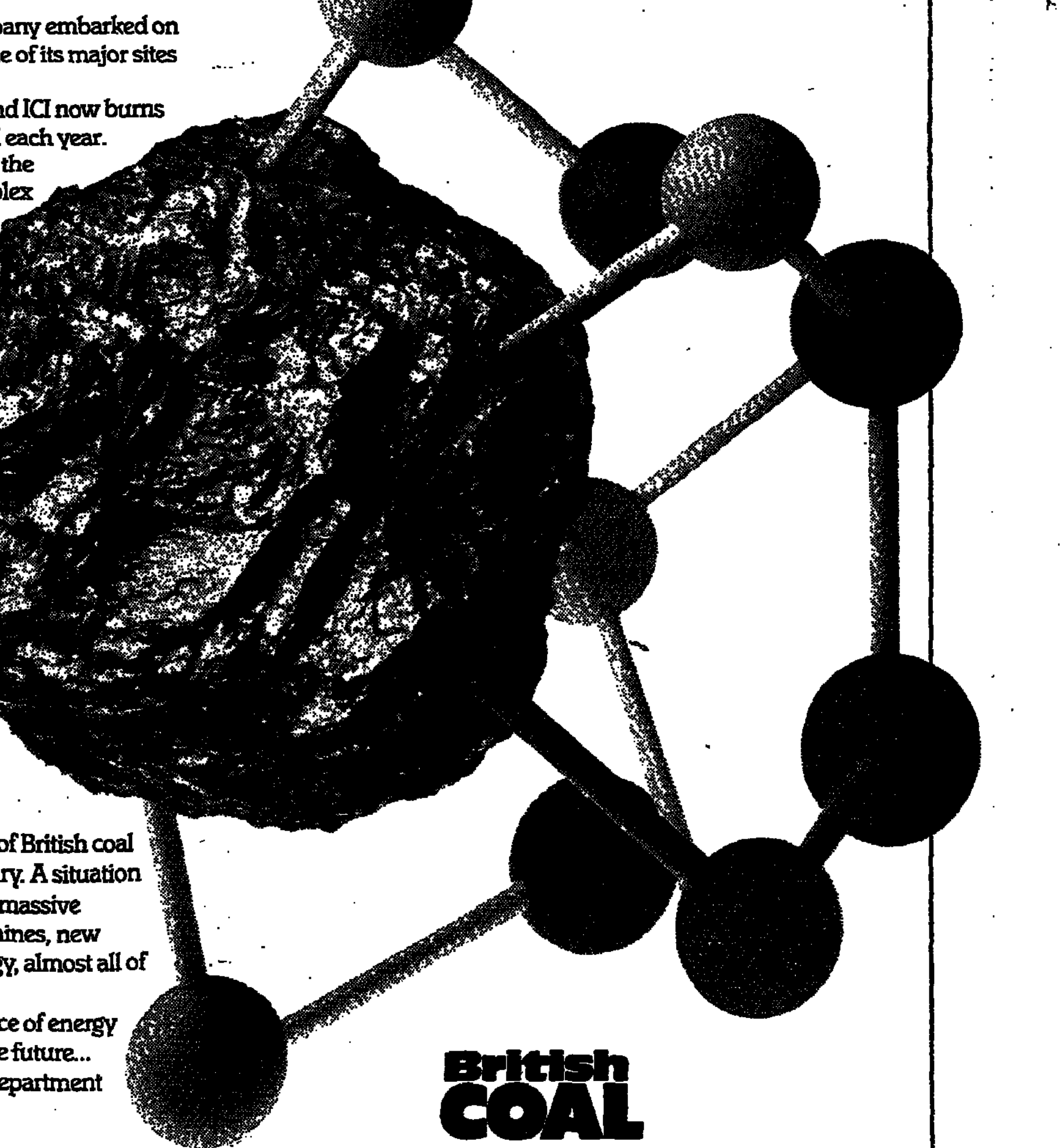
The return of runaway prices and labour discontent has eroded the image of both courts. Argentina's Peronist party has fed upon the general restiveness and is likely to trounce Señor Alfonsin's Radical Civic Union party in next year's presidential campaign.



President Alfonsin: "Now we have no more secrets."

The Brazilian president, similarly, has watched his *popularity plunge* as once-hopeful economic reforms *have* given way to bitter austerity measures and looming strikes.

Señor Sarney and Señor Alfonsin seem to have made the best of their mutual plight in unveiling plans for a Latin American common market. The two giant rivals appear to *have* dropped their legacy of bickering for nobler goals – and two leaders in trouble have realized that they may be their own best friends.



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PARLIAMENT

Uproar disrupts debate on social security

The emergency debate on the new social security system was interrupted by rowdy scenes culminating in the naming of Mr David Nellist (Coventry South East, Lab) and his expulsion from the Commons.

He had repeatedly tried to intervene in the speech of Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) warned Mr Nellist several times not to persist in attempting to intervene because the minister had made clear that he was not giving way.

On a point of order, Mr Nellist said he had the right to rise every minute or two to ask the minister to give way. That was the only chance the House had to ask him questions.

He continued to rise in his place, although the Speaker reminded him that this was a brief debate and he was being unfair to the rest of the House.

Finally, when Mr Nellist again rose in his place, the Speaker asked him to leave the chamber. Mr Nellist wanted to raise a point of order, but the Speaker said none could arise and he must leave the chamber, otherwise he would be forced to name him.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) shouted at the Speaker: Shut up, you stupid man! (Conservative protests)

After several further requests for Mr Nellist to leave the chamber, the Speaker named him and the motion expelling him, moved by Mr David Waddington, Government Chief Whip, was carried by 270 votes to 32 — majority, 238.

As the MPs began to divide, **Mr Robert Clay** (Sunderland North, Lab) shouted to the Speaker: You are a Tory stooge! (Conservative protests)

Mr Anthony Nelson (Chichester, C) wore the traditional top hat to raise a point of order complaining that what Mr Clay had said did great offence, not only to the House, but also to the Speaker. He asked for action as soon as the division was over, but the Speaker said that he had not heard the remark.

When the motion was carried he directed Mr Nellist to withdraw. Mr Nellist did so, remarking "I'll be back" and then pointed to Conservative MPs and said to the Speaker: "Keep those quiet as well".

Mr Ivan Lawrence (Burton, C) also asked the Speaker to act against Mr Clay, who, he said, had repeated the charge three times, but the Speaker repeated that he had not heard the remark.

The fact that he had granted the emergency debate showed the allegation which Mr Clay was said to have made to be untrue.

Opening the debate, **Mr Robin Cook**, chief Opposition spokesman on health and social security, said that the Government itself claimed that the changes represented the biggest upheaval in social security for 40 years.

BENEFIT CHANGES

But the Government had not been idle for the past nine years. It had abolished the link between pensions and earnings, leaving the pension for a married couple £14 lower than it otherwise would have been.

It had abolished short-term sickness benefit and the earnings-related supplement and taken what remained of unemployment benefit into taxation. It had repeatedly failed to up-rate child benefit, leaving it 10 per cent lower in real terms than it had been in 1979.

It had removed all board-and-lodging payments for those under 25 and, in the past two years, it had just about halved the number of single payments.

Against that background, it had been difficult to devise a new system that was even more mean than the one it replaced and which left some people even worse off than they had been under the previous system.

Mr Nellist: Several warnings from the Speaker

The key question was: How many were worse off?

Everyone on the Government benches had asserted that only 12 per cent would be worse off, but that figure was based on estimates taken from two sources of data — one taken in 1986 and the other in 1985 — and not on a careful census of the eight million people affected by the changes.

"It is an estimate based on a sample which is small in relation to the millions affected and taken so long ago that most of those now on social security were not claiming it at the time.

"It is also a calculation that wondrously treats the abolition of single payments as not being a cut at all."

The problem for the Government was that no organization that had studied the impact of the changes agreed with its estimate.

"Ministers of this Government are a victim of their own arrogance that nobody else deserves to be listened to and taken seriously unless they are working within the Government."

It was a measure of the lack of confidence of the Government that it had commissioned no research of its own into the effect of the changes.

It had ignored the results of research by the Policy Studies Institute, which calculated the proportion of losers not at 12 per cent, but at 48 per cent.

"That may not be a reliable figure, because the PSI based its calculation on data supplied by the DHSS."

The Department of Social Administration at Oxford had taken a study of 186 claimants in the city and calculated that two-thirds would lose in cash terms, ignoring the abolition of single payments, and three-quarters would lose taking that abolition into account.

Nottingham University had carried out studies in Nottingham and Wandsworth, calculating that losers outnumbered gainers by 2-1.

Strathclyde Social Work Department had concluded that 154 of 200 claimants it had studied would be worse off.

"Unlike the Government figures, that is not an estimate; it is a real head count of real claimants, on samples that do not date from 1985, but from 1988."

Ministers could not even convince their own staff, who had insisted on floor to ceiling security to protect them from the frustration that they expected from claimants once the system was in operation.

The chairman of the Government's own Social Security Advisory Committee, Mr Peter Barclay, had put the losers at 43 per cent, based on figures supplied by the Government in November, which showed that 3,650,000 claimants would be better off if the old system had been retained and up-rated by 3 per cent for inflation.

"With all its faults, with all the cuts, and not taking into account the abolition of single payments, 3,650,000 claimants are worse off under the new scheme than they were under the old scheme."

The view of ministers seemed to be that the old scheme had been too generous to too many people.

The Prime Minister reached her conclusion that 88 per cent of people would be no worse off on the basis that, although there were many people who now had a lower entitlement to benefit, the DHSS did not take the money away from them.

"Instead, they let the benefit shrivel away with inflation."

Mr Cook quoted the case of Mr Sinclair, of Cornwall, whose wife had a stroke two years ago and, since then had been paralysed and able only to blink her eyes.

Her husband had had to give up work to look after her and her food had to be liquidized. The local DHSS appeared to have pulled out all the stops to give the maximum help and they received £89 a week in benefit. But, under the new rules, their entitlement was to be reduced to only £70 a week.

"Of course, Mr and Mrs Sinclair are not losers. Their cash is not being taken away, but their benefit is being frozen until their new entitlement catches up."

That would mean, on present estimates, that their benefit would be frozen until 1995.

"Mr and Mrs Sinclair are not losers: they are one of the 88 per cent paraded as those who are no worse off."

But it was worse than that. The couple lived in a two-storey cottage and Mr Sinclair had to carry his wife upstairs to bed every night. They had decided to move to a bungalow and the DHSS had awarded them an extra £9 a week to help.

But that was simply added to their entitlement, bringing it up to £79 — still below the amount they were receiving. They would, therefore, receive not a penny extra.

The purchase of the bungalow had thus fallen through. "Every night he carries her up and down the stairs, but of course we are told by the Prime Minister that they are not losers. They are among the 88 per cent no worse off."

Mr David Harris (St Ives, C) intervened to say that his information was that the Sinclairs' supplementary benefit payment had been £89.73 weekly, but that income support had been awarded at £93 a week.

Mr Cook said that he had got his figures from Mr Sinclair only last week. Mr Sinclair had been clearly of the view that he would be unable to buy the house he needed and was a loser under the changes.

Any disabled person claiming for the first time would start at the new benefit levels. A study by 15 citizens' advice bureaux had shown that 44 of 80 claimants would get lower benefit than they would have got before April 11.

Of 20 pensioners in the study, 14 would be worse off. Of 19 disabled claimants, 16 would be worse off.

These were deeply disturbing figures, even more disturbing because every year a third of claimants came on to the books of the social security system for the first time, so that next April a third of all claimants on income support would be assessed at the new levels.

About 15,000 people would lose all social security because they or their partner worked for more than 24 hours. One couple among them was Mr and Mrs Godden, of Bristol, whose case he had raised yesterday.

Mrs Godden suffered from multiple sclerosis, which would get worse. Already, she could barely walk the length of the house. She had three young daughters, the youngest aged two and the eldest eight. She had a mentally handicapped son who stayed in hospital during the week and came home at week-ends.

For such a household, Mrs Godden needed constant attendance. Mr Godden could give up his job and stay at home, with the family living entirely on social security. But he had chosen not to do that and had struggled to hold down his job which involved his working six days a week from 9pm to 6pm. He took home £128 a week.

There was another twist to the Goddens' story. It was true that they were living rate and rent free, but it was a tied house, so that if Mr Godden gave up his work the family would be rendered homeless.

He would not be able to forget the reaction to the Goddens' story in the House the previous day. When the Secretary of State (Mr Moore) said that the Goddens had been on holiday, the Government benches had rocked with laughter.

The Government's supporters clearly believed that disabled claimants should not have holidays but should be confined to some kind of housebound prison.

In fact, the family had spent 12 days in Plymouth visiting Mrs Godden's relatives, using a caravan lent by Mr Godden's employers free and renting a field for £2 a night. That, and the petrol from Bristol, had been the entire cost of the holiday.

But the Government had done something for Mr Godden. It would be churlish not to mention it. As a result of the Budget, his weekly wage had gone up from £128 to £130. So he had gained £2 a week while losing £48 from benefit.

"Here we come to the final and shaming contrast between the tax cuts in March and the benefit cuts in April. There need have been no losers at all from the social security changes. We know that. We know the Government had the money to prevent there being any losers because the Chancellor found £2,080 million to give to 750,000 top-rate taxpayers last month.

"There was no talk of targeting their need in the Budget speech, no talk of concentraing help where it was most needed last month. The Chancellor gave away more money to those 750,000 rich than the money in the social security budget for 12 million claimants.

"That tells us all we need to know about this Government's priorities; this Government that helps the rich and punishes the poor. It is against those priorities that we will vote tonight" (prolonged Opposition cheers and scattered applause).

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, said that it was extraordinary that the Opposition should call for an emergency debate on the social security changes when they had been discussed and debated repeatedly in minute detail over the past months and years.

The changes had been under scrutiny both in the Commons and the House of Lords since the review process started in 1983-84. For example, the Social Security Act, 1986, which provided the legislative base for the changes, had been debated for more than 234 hours.

On the case of the Godden family, he said that the total income for the family was £247.70 a week for a family of five, living rent and rate free with one working son living at home.

Mr Cook: Ministers could not even convince their own staff about the changes

Study of fire risks is ordered

The Government is to ask the Fire Research Station to have another look at the fire risks that may be posed by polystyrene tiles, **Mr John Butcher**, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during questions.

Mr Michael Stern (Bristol North West, C) asked whether the minister planned to extend the steps being taken in respect of foam-filled furniture, to safeguard the public against fire from polystyrene tiles.

Mr Butcher said that the research station had previously reported that polystyrene, when properly installed, represented no significant addition to hazards, but he would ask the station to update its report.

Ilea debate is denied

An appeal by a Labour MP for an emergency debate on a poll of parents in London which showed them to be in favour of retaining the Inner London Education Authority was rejected.

Mr Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North, Lab) said that, of 265,596 ballot papers issued, 145,259 had been returned. Parents had been asked whether they were in favour of or against the forthcoming transfer of education functions to the local authorities.

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Gross profits are rising

The latest figures available for gross profits showed a trend of rising and increasing success in manufacturing industry, **Mr Francis Maude**, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, told MPs.

He said that these profits, up to 1986, including income from self-employment, increased at current prices from £2.2 billion in 1984, to £2.3 billion in 1985 and £3 billion in 1986.

Mr Douglas Henderson (Newcastle upon Tyne North, Lab) said that manufacturing investment was still 11 per cent lower than in 1979. The pathetic level of research and development in this country was lower than in France, Germany, Italy. There should be an inquiry to consider the impact of that on investment.

Steel quota campaign

Mr Robert Atkins, Under Secretary of State for Trade, repeated at question time that Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister of Trade and Industry, was at the forefront of the campaign in the EEC to abolish steel quotas.

Mr Phillip Oppenheim (Amber Valley, C) said that quotas cost jobs by pushing up steel prices. Extension of quotas would do the British economy nothing but harm.

Scottish law

The School Boards (Scotland) Bill was read a second time in the Commons on Tuesday night.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Treasury; Prime Minister. Health and Medicines Bill, completion of remaining stages.
Lords (3): Public Utility Transfers and Water Charges Bill, report. Licensing Bill, third reading.

'Nudes ban' Bill introduced

A small number of dirty-minded newspaper owners and editors, who despised their own readers, thought that they had to serve up pictures of naked women to sell some of their nasty politics, **Miss Clare Short** (Birmingham, Ladywood, Lab) said in the Commons.

She was given leave by 163 votes to 48 votes — majority, 115, to introduce under the 10-minute rule procedure the Indecent Displays (Newspapers) Bill, which would make illegal the display in newspapers pictures of naked or partly naked women in sexually provocative poses.

The Bill had been opposed by **Mr Eric Forth** (Mid Worcestershire, C), who said that young ladies who chose to display whatever assets they posessed for profit were successfully exploiting the male population. The nude had an honourable place in the history of art and sculpture.

He also wondered who would have the responsibility for identifying who was partially clad, clad or unclad and what exactly was a sexually provocative pose.

Millions of people were freely exercising their choice every day to buy these newspapers. The Bill was typical of the authoritarianism of the new Labour Party.

Miss Short said that the House had voted to give her leave to bring in a similar Bill two years ago, but it had failed to pass into law because Conservative MPs had objected to it anonymously every time it came up for second reading.

Since then, she had received more than 5,000 letters, the overwhelming majority from women but a significant number from men, supporting her proposals.

About a dozen of the letters had been from rape victims whose attackers had said that they reminded them of women on page three or that they should be on page three.

Teachers had written that boys as young as six were bringing these papers in to school to cover desks for art lessons.

These pictures were helping to create a sexual climate that encouraged sexual assault, rape and sexual abuse of women and children.

The Bill was read a first time but is unlikely to become law because of the shortage of parliamentary time.

Firms well placed to benefit from EEC single market

The Government has received many warm responses to its campaign alerting British business to the challenges of the European Community single market, Mr Francis Maude, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said at question time.

It was a sad reflection on the competitiveness of British industry, he said, to suggest that the advantages of the single market, due to be completed in 1992, would be "all one way" in favour of our EEC partners. He thought that British companies were well placed to benefit from the opportunities the single market would offer.

An important phase in publicizing the advantages of the single market would start with a national conference at Lancaster House, London, next Monday.

Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, SLD) asked why the Government would not join the European Monetary System before completion of the single market. Would the Secretary of State (Lord Young of Graffham) still be saying the time was not right in 1992?

Mr Maude said that it was not for him to predict the future.

Sir Ian Lloyd (Havant, C) asked whether the Government had estimated the huge savings in British customs administration from 1992 onwards?

Mr Maude said that there should be significant administrative savings. It had also been estimated that there would be significant economic advantages to the whole of the Community.

A report by the European Commission indicated that there should be an increase to the GNP of the Community in the order of £140 billion. That would be of great advantage to the United Kingdom.

Those suggesting the advantages would be all one way was a sad reflection on the competitiveness of British companies. British companies were in fact well placed to benefit from the opportunties the single market would offer.

Mr Bruce Grocott (The Wrekin, Lab) said that at the time of the original entry into the EEC the public had been told of the tremendous advantages it would bring.

Since then there had been an increasing deficit in manufacturing industry between Britain and her partners.

Mr Maude said that those who said British companies would not gain from the single market were wrong. The United Kingdom was already open for trade to a greater extent than the rest of the Community.

Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow East, C) asked how there was going to be a single European market without harmonization of indirect taxes.

Mr Maude said that the United States had had a very satisfactory single market for 200 years despite some 50 different rates of sales tax and different systems of sales tax as well.

Urban plans making good progress

Excellent progress is being made in implementing the Government's programme for the inner cities, **Mr Kenneth Clarke**, Minister of Trade and Industry, said during questions.

An order would be laid before Parliament next month to set up the new Lower Don Valley Urban Development Corporation, near Sheffield, and consultants were about to be appointed to report on the extension of the Merseyside Development Corporation.

The first of 20 Safer Cities initiatives had been launched in Wolverhampton and the first of six new inner-city Small Firms Service offices was to be opened in Sheffield on April 19.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch, C) said that, although he welcomed the progress being made, resources for investment, both in the public and private sectors, were inevitably finite.

"For property developers particularly, the pickings for developing in the over-developed, luscious South are far easier than in those urban areas to which he alluded."

Mr Clarke said that he did not accept that the level of investment was inevitably finite, but he shared Mr Adley's concern about the pattern of development.

The measures in the Action for Cities programme would make it more attractive to develop in those areas previously in decline.

Church Commissioners

Inner cities fund is agreed

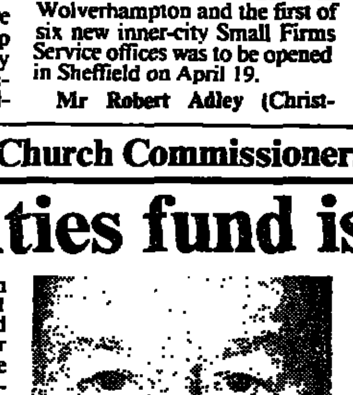
A measure to allow the Church Commissioners to contribute £1 million a year to a special fund to help the church in the inner cities was passed without a vote by the Commons late on Tuesday night. A national appeal for contributions to the fund is being launched next week.

The measure was moved for the commissioners by **Mr Michael Alison**, who said that it updated their powers so that they could assist dioceses with finances for church buildings in any area where social and economic changes had taken place.

It also gave them separate powers to make payments to the Church Urban Fund, which had been established in the Church of England to target financial assistance to urban priority areas.

He said that the establishment of the fund had been recommended by the archibishops' commission on urban priority areas.

It had been recognized that most of the fund's resources would have to come through a national appeal. The churches were shortly to embark on one to raise not less than £18 million.



Mr Blackburn: MPs "taking historic step"

The fund's resources should include an annual contribution of £1 million from the church commissioners, who were confident that that would not prejudice their existing commitments or their basic object: the financial support of the clergy.

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, SLDP) said that the fund was to be launched on April 20 and the two archbishops had asked that in all churches the next weekend there be an appeal.

"This is going to be an essential method whereby the church can fund its mission in our urban areas."

Mr Alistair Burt (Bury North, C) said that real renewal was based around the church's biblical teaching and not around its social policies and social skills. It must always remember that the renewal which was God's work must come first.

Concentrate too much on the social and political side and move people too far away from God and they would not make the right connections and decisions. He believed that the measure would be sensibly used by the church to achieve exactly what was needed.

Mr John Blackburn (Dudley West, C) said that MPs should applaud the fact that, for the first time in so many years, the church had stopped, examined itself and produced the method by which it should move forward well into the next century.

"We are making a most historic step, which will have a tremendous effect upon the spiritual values of this country."

MP's hat trick that upsets everybody

Geoffrey Smith

Mr Michael Mates has achieved a curious hat trick with his amendment to the community charge Bill on which the House of Commons will be voting next week. It has upset the Government, is supported with apparently only tepid eathusiasm by the Oposition, but stands a serious chance of winning a majority in the House.

The Government's dilemma is easy to understand. Here is a major amendment to the most controversial legislation now before Parliament, which has been put forward not by a congenital rebel but by one of the most senior and respected of Conservative backbenchers.

Relating the charge to a person's tax rate would be much more than a minor adjustment. It would overturn the principle of a flat-rate charge, to which ministers have committed themselves so often and so publicly. If it is passed it will seriously complicate the introduction of a community charge in Scotland, which is due next year. So it would also inflict a serious psychological blow on the Government.

It would also, as its advocates claim, mitigate one of the most objectionable features of the Bill: that it pays scant regard to the individual's ability to pay. So it might make the legislation less socially divisive and politically contentious. But governments rarely choose to have wisdom thrust upon them in such humiliating circumstances.

Why then should the Labour Party seem so halfhearted about supporting the amendment? A little while ago it was thought that it might even refuse to do so, thereby scuppering whatever chance there might be of defeating the Government — though one is now told that this was always a mistaken impression.

There is inevitably a suspicion that it has been taking an Opposition's duty to oppose too literally. Why should they bother, some Labour members have been reasoning, to improve bad Conservative legislation? Why should they help the Government out of a ditch of its own making?

But such a cynical approach would so easily be exposed and would make Labour's moral outrage seem utterly bogus. Wisely the party leadership is taking a different attitude. It will first vote for its own amendments and then, in the sure expectation that these are bound to be defeated, it will vote for the Mates amendment.

It will do so, though, without much gusto. That is partly because Labour leaders regard the Mates proposal as no more than a marginal improvement, and partly because they think it has little chance of success.

They are sceptical about Conservative rebellions until they see the members walking through the lobbies. There is some justification for such doubts: the Conservative whips are formidable arm-twisters whenever the Government appears to be in any serious danger.

There is also a tactical consideration. The Government can be defeated only by a sizeable Conservative revolt supported by a strong Labour turnout. But the more noisy and jubilant the Labour support, the more Tory rebels are liable to be frightened off at the last moment.

So the rebellion can be successful only if it is very clearly led by Conservatives. Even if it fails next week, it could still achieve a more long-term purpose if the Government's majority is cut sharply. A strong protest vote in the Commons could encourage the Lords to vote for a similar amendment.

It has always seemed that the Bill was liable to have a more difficult passage in the Lords than on its initial course through the Commons. But the Lords are customarily reluctant to mangle legislation that is implementing a government's manifesto commitment unless there is evidence of considerable unease in the Commons.

Even then there can be no certainty that an amendment passed by the Lords would be accepted by the Government. But a strong vote for the Mates proposal next week would have a double effect: it would improve the chances of passing it in the Lords and make the Government more hesitant about asking the Commons to reverse such a decision later.

But would it be right to pass it? It is not perfect. It would make the dividing line all the sharper between paying no tax and paying standard rate, and between paying standard rate and 40 per cent. This is a serious consideration, but the more taxation is reduced the less force it has.

I would vote for the amendment because, despite its failings, it would take the sting out of the widespread feeling of unfairness. It would embarrass ministers in the short term. But in the long run I believe it would also be to the Government's advantage as well as being socially desirable.

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Study of fire risks is ordered

The Government is to ask the Fire Research Station to have another look at the fire risks that may be posed by polystyrene tiles, Mr John Butcher, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during questions.

Mr Michael Stern (Bristol North West, C) asked whether the minister planned to extend the steps being taken in respect of foam-filled furniture, to safeguard the public against fire from polystyrene tiles.

Mr Butcher said that the research station had previously reported that polystyrene, when properly installed, represented no significant addition to hazards, but he would ask the station to update its report.

Ilea debate is denied

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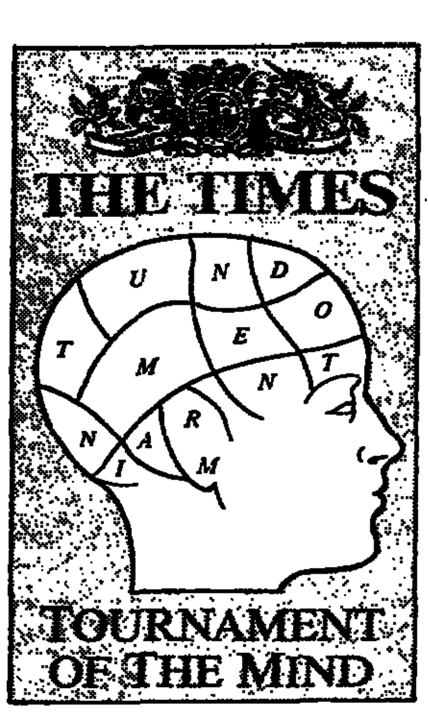

Tournament of the Mind

● Round Four of the individual final of *The Times* Tournament of the Mind for the 124 top-scoring entrants, one of whom will win £5,000 and become *The Times* Mind of the Year

● Even those who have not reached the finals can enjoy the challenge of these questions every day this week. In the event of a tie, further questions will be set until a winner is reached

James Buckley, a project engineer with Royal Crown Derby Porcelain, is the first of our featured finalists so far who has not been able to fall back on a mathematical background.

"I was the geography and history type," he says, "rather than physics and chemistry. But with the numbers questions you could usually tell if you had it right. I collaborated with another department head here at the factory, and whenever he reckoned I'd got something wrong, then it was straight back to the drawing board."

The most time-consuming question for him was: "Who wrote *Music For Supermarkets*?" In the end he simply browsed through a local music shop until he found it. The questions have become far more demanding this week. "I'm sticking with it," he says. "I think I was hooked right from the second or third day."

INDIVIDUAL FINAL — ROUND FOUR

1. LOGIC

This diagram is a dart board. Using *five* darts at a *time*, discover how many different ways there are of scoring a total of 477. Each dart hits the board and scores. Once you have used a combination of numbers you cannot use it again in a different order.

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400	70	250
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	50	27

2. VERBAL

The groups of letters which follow are jumbled words. Unscramble the words and discover the most obvious odd one out.

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LASTALOREL TRESSPATHY

* References other than Collins English Dictionary have been used for this question.

3. MATHS

You have just received a tax rebate but the cashier has made a mistake. He has written the *figure* which should be for pounds in the pence section and the figure for pence in the pounds section. This gives you quite a bit more cash, so you go out and spend £8.76. You then check your change and to your surprise discover that you now have exactly eight times what you were entitled to receive in the first place. How much ought you to have received from the Inland Revenue?

4. MISCELLANEOUS

A square is made up 196 smaller squares, arranged in a 14 square by 14 square grid. Can you tell us how many different rectangles of any shape and size you can count?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Which republic in the Pacific Ocean has an area of 2,130 hectares and, in 1982, had a population of 8,421?

2. Which pathologist originated the concept that disease arises in the individual cells of a tissue with his publication of *Cellular Pathology*?

3. Which series of conferences on science and world affairs is named after the village in which the first one was held?

4. In which science fiction novel was Laban Twissell a character?

5. On which English peak would you find Hell Gate, Heaven Gate and Needle's Eye?

Quick, quick, slow

Are motorways the dynamo for urban congestion?

William Greaves and Rodney Cowton report

HOW TO GET OUT OF A JAM
PART THREE

Thirty years ago this year Harold Macmillan cut the tape on an eight-mile section of road which, in itself, did nothing more revolutionary than by-pass Preston, Lancashire. It was, however, the route number of the road rather than its immediate purpose which demanded the Prime Minister's attendance. He was officially opening the M6 — the first strand in a web which, by 1988, was to entwine mainland Britain in 1,850 miles of motorway.

Within a year of the Preston ceremony, Ernest Marples, the Minister of Transport, had opened the first 72 miles of the M1. The prospect of disappearing bottlenecks was too pleasing, the voices of the defenders of the environment too faint, for the swathes of tarmac with their blue roadside signs to be greeted with anything but rapture.

It was not until the mid-1970s that anyone began to question where the new liberated traffic was going — and whether the great urban centres, likely to form at least one end of most motorway journeys, could cope with it.

But by that time another transport landmark had come and gone. The 30th birthday of the motorway age is not the only anniversary being commemorated this year: the Beeching Report — precursor of the Beeching Axe — was published 25 years ago last month. Since then, Britain's operational rail network has shrunk from 17,000 miles to little more than 10,000.

The future of the railways was never considered as part of an integrated national transport policy. New highways were being built fast, and Dr Richard Beeching, then chairman of the British Railways Board, was given a straightforward brief: make the railways pay. The flight from train to car has since then proceeded unabated, with full government approval. The lot of the motorist has been greatly improved — but many critics believe at a cost to our city centres.

The year before the first section of the M1 was opened, the most optimistic average speed for a journey from the outskirts of Manchester to London was 30mph — today there is no reason why it should be much short of 70mph. Then, there were eight million vehicles registered in Britain — now there are 21.7 million. Then, every town and most sizeable villages were linked into the rail network — by the time the Beeching axe had finished swinging there were 700 fewer stations.

So dramatic has been the retreat from the railways that today 79 per cent of all Britain's freight goes by road — dwarfing the comparable figures for France (52 per cent) and Germany (51 per cent) and exceeded among EEC countries only by Ireland and Denmark.

During the course of last year 38 million vehicles were recorded passing over one stretch of the M1 between Hemel Hempstead and the M10 junction in Hertfordshire, little more than 20 miles away from central London. Many of these were, of course, the same vehicles passing backwards and forwards, but a large proportion would have been on journeys into and out of the capital.

As the Civic Trust's London Amenity and Transport Association says in its manifesto, *London in the Nineties*: "The demand for more road space for cars is insatiable. Increasing the capacity or speed of any part of the road system inevitably encourages more cars, so instead of reducing congestion, road building actually makes it worse."

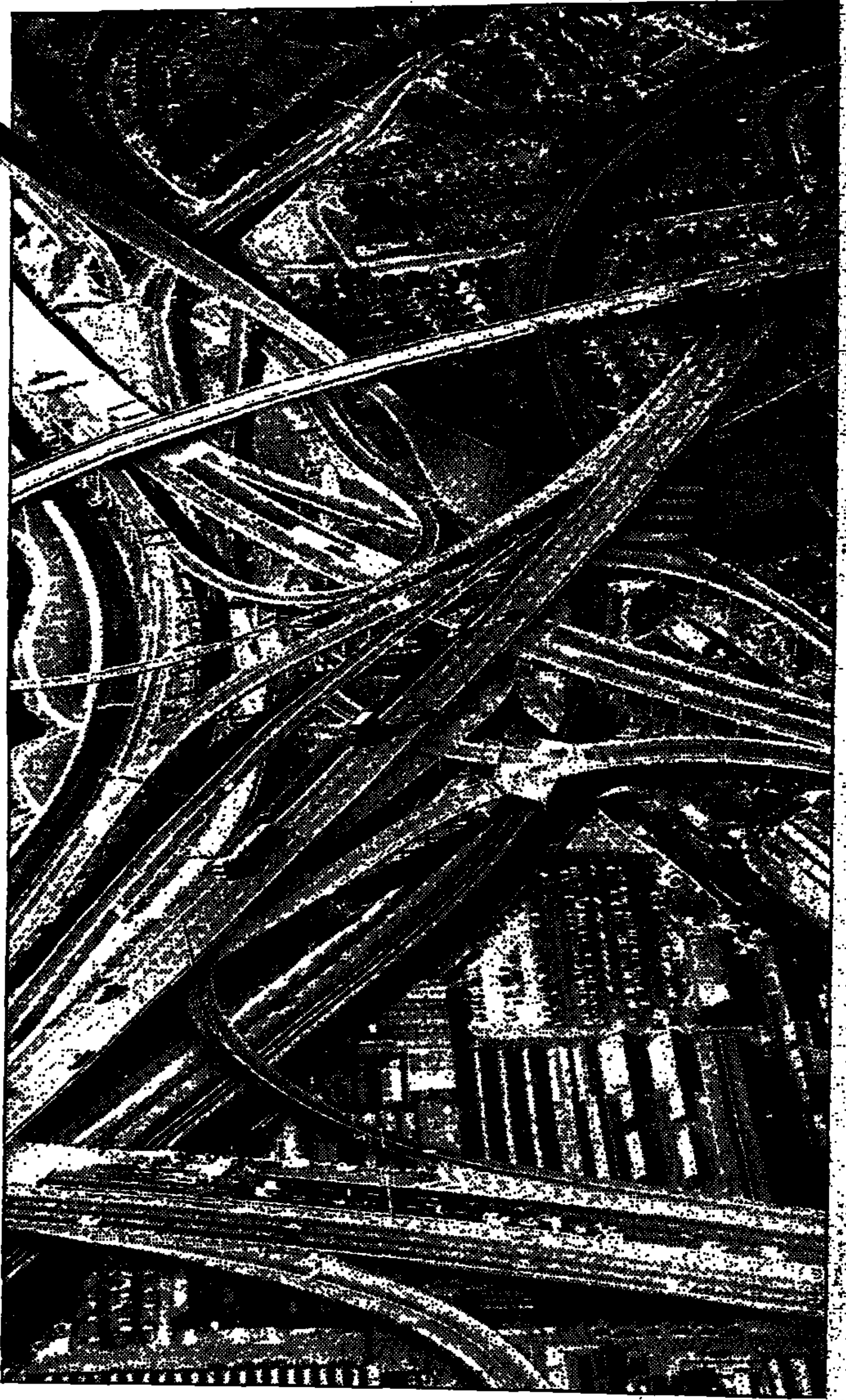
Peter Bottomley, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Transport, disagrees. "I haven't seen any prosperous country that hasn't got good roads," he says. "When the Romans arrived in Britain they lit beacons and built roads in a straight line between them. That policy led to the Pilgrim's Way, and today all we are doing is rediscovering what Chaucer already knew.

"Motorways carry 14 per cent of British road traffic and produce only 4 per cent of fatal accidents. A recent study showed that most people feel unsafe on a motorway, yet where they really ought to feel unsafe is in built-up areas, where 40 per cent of all traffic contributes 75 per cent of accidents causing injury.

"We are determined that our motorways meet three objectives: wealth creation, casualty reduction and environmental improvement. To be prosperous we need roads. But three times as many working days are lost through road accidents than industrial injuries, so we need motorways which are statistically safer."

It was in the mid-1970s that John Tyme, a Sheffield Polytechnic lecturer, gave up his job to throw his weight behind the objectors' cause at a string of motorway public inquiries. Although he won many battles — and was to a large extent responsible for the introduction of a more democratic means of deciding on road routes — he has now retired to Gloucestershire and admits that he lost the war. He also remains convinced that motorways have created many new problems.

"People say they have reduced congestion and accidents and led to economic growth — whereas they have done the opposite," he insists. "Cars and lorries neither begin nor end their journey at a motorway. They might bypass a lot of places along the way but they use the motorway to get more quickly to their destination, where they again encounter pedestrians and cyclists and merely add to congestion and accidents. The easier you make the journey, the more extra traffic is generated."


MICHAEL BENNETT

Far from stimulating economic growth, Tyme says, motorways have blighted the inner cities and displaced industry to less appropriate settings.

Although the Department of Transport argues that since motorways and rail lines generally follow the same "corridors" — thus offering the traveller similar routes — its senior officials concede that the closure of branch lines means that, if a car has to be used to get to the nearest surviving station, there is a temptation to use it for the whole journey.

Motorways have revolutionized travel and pushed car ownership beyond all predictions. As support grows for the partial prohibition of traffic in city centres, it will be ironical if the road-builders' success is responsible for handing to the trains and buses the exclusive contract for the final run into town.

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In pursuit of the trivial

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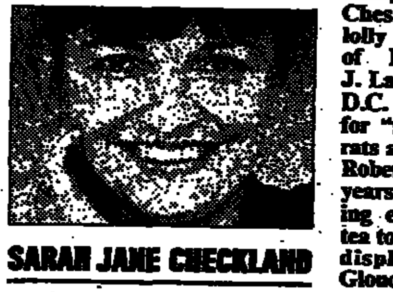

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

A weekly look at the art world

Whether or not the Titanic is ever raised, a new industry surrounding her is afloat. Tomorrow evening, to mark the 76th anniversary of the sinking, Onslow's, a two-man team of London auctioneers, will sell 150 items of Titanic ephemera.

Some — like the postcard written by 19-year-old Joe Nicholls of Cornwall saying "Wish you wer hear *(sic)*" (estimate more than £1,000), and the White Star Line saucer snatched up by a bos'n as the ship sank (£4,000 to £6,000) — have had specific contact with the Titanic. Others, such as the sheet music celebrating "the gallant and ill-fated crew", stem from the industry that sprang up afterwards.

Most eerie of all is the "spirit photograph" of W.T. Stead, the distinguished journalist last seen alive on deck as the ship went down, and who was said to have appeared at several seances in the following months. The photograph shows a bearded, disembodied face, and is estimated at around £400.

As ephemera goes, Titanicania has much on its side . . . glamour, tragedy, heroism and horror. But what about the mass of more mundane ephemera, particularly from our own consumer age? "I don't think there'll be anything left," Patrick Bogue, of Onslow's, says. "Everything is disposable."

In Britain we tend to concentrate on the sturdier, more conventional aspects of our heritage — paintings, sculpture, buildings and the occasional plough. Even the industries that produce ephemera have little concern with their past; apart from honorable exceptions such as Sainsbury's and Colman's, they often have no archives. Some large companies have thrown away those that they had.

Enter the 700-member Ephemera Society, whose members we have to thank for many collections: David Cheshire, of London, for ice-lolly wrappers; A.I. Ferguson, of Devon, for sick-bags; J. Lane, of Ascot, for menus; D.C. Drummond, of Surrey, for "any material relating to rats and mice". Finally comes Robert Opie, who has for 25 years been collecting packaging ephemera, from Typhoo tea to Persil soap, and latterly displaying them in his Gloucester museum.

"People are interested to see their own personal history," he says. "The bar of chocolate or packet of cigarettes you look forward to are friends, part of your life." His museum also serves a traditional, archival function, charting the advance of labour-saving commodities such as aerosols and frozen food.

The Ephsoc, as its members call it, was set up in 1975 on the initiative of Maurice Rickards, a designer and editor and therefore a "producer of ephemera all my life". Sister societies have since sprung up in America, Australia and Canada.

Rickards believes his members' motivation is a mixture of compulsive collecting (like the cigarette card fanatic, determined to form a full set) and missionary zeal (the urgent need to secure a social history which would otherwise disappear). But there is inevitably an element of the commercial.

Now, thanks to pressures by the Ephsoc, Rickards believes museums are becoming more interested in ephemera. In 1985, for instance, the National Library of Scotland set up an archive devoted to Scottish ephemera, and is inviting contributions from the public.

Whether or not the nation takes to sponging down and saving its milk cartons, many areas of ephemera are already lost: papers bearing insulting slogans which used to be placed on the heads of offenders in the pillory 200 years ago, for example; papers which used to be snapped into the back of pocket watches, bearing details of repairs, or mementos from the owner's lover; only recently, and on a mundane level, discontinued frozen food packets.

Finally, come smells. Although Opie "would love to recreate the smell of Woolworth's, or Timothy White's" even he has not set his mind to the challenge. For the moment, he is intending to approach industry for funds to improve the existing museum.

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HEALTH

Eccentrics are alive and well

Odd persons out tend to have the sterling characteristics that would make us all healthier, happier and longer-lived, a new scientific study indicates. Victoria McKee reports

Blessed are the cracked, for they shall let in the light. This illuminating quote, from one of the 130 self-confessed British eccentrics interviewed for a study to be published next month sums up its *startling conclusions.*

Not only do eccentrics live longer than the norm, they are also healthier, happier and more intelligent, on average, than the rest of the population. Understanding why, Dr David Weeks believes, could hold the key to a healthier life for us all.

Weeks, author of *Eccentrics: The Scientific Investigation*, is a principal clinical psychologist at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital. (Fortunately for his work, eccentrics tend to congregate in university cities such as Edinburgh; Dublin, Oxford, Cambridge and the south coast of England also boast a substantial share.)

Since genuine eccentrics are only about one in 10,000 of the population, Weeks and his researcher, Kate Ward, had to seek them out. They tacked up a card in every pub, hospital, launderette and academic common room in Edinburgh: "Eccentric? If you feel you might be, contact Dr David Weeks . . ." They hoped its quirkiness might appeal to their subjects. (It did.) They publicized their quest in organs as diverse as *New Scientist* and *The Scottish Daily Record* to make sure they reached a cross-section of the community.

Weeks never expected, he admits, to make such startling discoveries about the effect of eccentricity on *physical* health, but it is these unsought revelations that have the greatest ramifications for the rest of us.

Weeks came to admire the sense of humour, creative imagination and strong will which he discovered are common charisteristics of eccentrics — and believes these traits help keep them healthy. They have an over-riding curiosity that drives them on and makes them oblivious to the irritations and stresses of daily life that plague the rest of us.

"They don't try to 'keep up with the Joneses', they don't worry about conforming and they usually have the firm belief that they are right and the rest of the world is wrong," Weeks says.

Eccentricity, he stresses, is not mental illness. In a sense it can act as a protection against more serious mental disorders, as the mild cowpox vaccine prevents a *full-blown case of smallpox.*

"I am already using what I've learned from my study of eccentrics in treating the patients referred to me for depression," Weeks says, "and I'm certainly getting better results than I was before. I tell them to loosen up — to use their sense of humour and their imagination. Neurotic patients are generally over-serious."

Celebrities as diverse as Michael Jackson, Katherine Hepburn, Bob Dylan, Brigitte Bardot, David Bellamy, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales are on Weeks's unofficial list of eccentrics (as are the majority of those who regularly write to newspapers). And if there is already an eccentric or two in the family there is a much greater likelihood that there will be another.

Britain, it seems, is a fertile breeding ground because, Weeks feels, the climate is right. "You won't find eccentrics tolerated in Israel or Poland or Japan," he says, "but the United States runs about neck and neck with Britain and Holland is a close second."

Whereas male eccentrics come from all walks of life, the female has been largely a phenomenon of the upper middle classes, according to Weeks, and is much more assertive than other members of her sex or than male eccentrics. "To me Lucinda Lambton typifies *that type of woman — although she* denies she is eccentric."

Most eccentrics are aware that they are out of the ordinary, which is why they responded with such enthusiasm to Weeks's call. One, Alan Fairweather, has existed happily for many years on a daily diet of 4 lb of potatoes, boiled in *their jackets, supplemented* by Mars bars, Vitamin C tablets, endless cups of tea and the occasional haggis. "I'm a sucker for surveys," he confesses. "Various chums had laughingly told me I was eccentric but I'd never really seen it myself."

Fairweather, who lives in an elegant, antique-filled Edwardian house in Edinburgh, rents out his *four bedrooms* — preferring, "not just for pecuniary gain", to sleep on the floor of his gloomy study, surrounded by his library of books on travel, botany and potatoes.

Fairweather, aged 45, is a "freelance botanist" and works as a potato inspector for the Department of Agriculture. He loves travel, and for a busman's holiday goes to Peru, birthplace of the *potato, to visit the International* Potato Centre.

"My health is *certainly* above average. I don't believe in illness. And I've got my own sense of humour — sometimes I fall about laughing at things others don't even see."

GLYN SATTERLEY

Dr David Weeks: already using what he has learned from eccentrics to help people with depression

'They don't try to keep up with the Joneses, and they don't worry about conforming'

"Dr Weeks's study is very interesting," he says, "but I don't see how he can scientifically base it: in veterinary science they say you need to first 'know the norm', and how do you define *normality?*"

It was Margaret Russell's *friends who nudged her when they* saw Weeks's advertisement in the local paper. "Your husband is eccentric," they told her — but she didn't need to be told. "I had often used that word about Russell myself," she says.

Russell Eberst is 48 and works as information officer for the Royal Edinburgh Observatory but it is his out-of-work preoccupation which causes comment. Three computers dominate the Eberst' sitting room and are always on line — tracking the orbits of the *thousands of satellites launched* since Eberst first became fas*cinated by them with Sputnik 2* 30 years ago. His interest began in childhood, his first job was as a satellite predictor, and he has never looked down since.

For outdoor tracking he uses powerful binoculars because "satellites move too quickly for a fixed telescope". His house is full of star charts and the notebooks in which he meticulously records his findings.

Although he suffers from chronic hay fever and a stiff back, which his wife is convinced was brought on from tracking satellites over the years in cold, damp gardens, he says that he is *never* really ill. "I suppose he's healthier than the lot of us because he doesn't worry much," Margaret shrewdly suggests.

Although she knew of her husband's love affair with astronomy when she married him she had no idea how all-consuming it was, or how much it would affect her life. On their wedding night, she recalls, her husband got up at 3am to see the conjunction of Mercury and Venus.

The Ebersts have three children: Alistair, aged 23, Duncan, aged 20 and Laura, aged 14, each of whom has an obsessional interest. "The children are all a bit odd," their mother cheerfully observes. "They're all obsessional: for Alistair it's religion and zoology — he goes in for religious, charismatic, dancing. For Duncan it's role-playing games — he sells them and plays them with friends in his spare time. And for Laura it's dance. We've never had children who didn't know what they wanted to do."

Weeks, aged 43, is himself somewhat unconventional: an American who arrived in Scotland in a Polaris submarine with the US Navy, *he married a Scots*woman and changed direction. He got his *Master of Philosophy for* his work on hypochondria and specializes in psychogeriatrics, which is what turned his attention to eccentricity as eccentric traits are normally heightened with age.

Week's book — crammed with *charts and tables* for the scientific community but written, he hopes, for a popular audience, too — includes a lengthy eccentricity self-test. There are 100 statements which you may designate True or False, for example: "The majority of people are *too stupid to under*stand which things in life are really important", "I prefer to ignore people I know but have not seen for a long time, unless they speak to me first" and "I use my inner resources to handle any anxiety that comes my way". If you believe those three true of yourself then you are heading in "the eccentric direction"; if you have the obsessional interest to complete the Eccentricity Pre-Disposition Self-Test, you probably qualify as one.

Is joining any society or seriously collecting anything a sign of eccentricity? No, says Weeks. But if what you collect starts taking over your home or your life, or if you launch an *admiration society* of King Ludwig of Bavaria and you are the only member — start worrying. Or rather, *stop* worrying: you'll probably live longer and feel fitter than your "normal" friends. If you have any . . .

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Eccentrics: The Scientific Investigation, *by David Weeks with Kate Ward, published by Stirling University Press on May 23, £27.50.*

Prince may find help in the bag

The Prince of Wales has had a rough time recently; so rough, it is reported, *that there are times when he is so tense* that his muscles lock. Although the description of his symptoms, should they be accurate, sound horrific, his problem seems to be no more than carpo-pedal spasms, a common symptom of the hyperventilation syndrome: over-breathing or panting respirations often induced in patients stressed by anxiety, fatigue or grief.

***If somebody breathes more quickly* than nature intended, the carbon dioxide *in the blood is flushed out, with subse*quent changes in blood acidity. This results, *if sufficiently severe, in a tight* contraction of the muscles of the hands and *feet*, which go into a spasm. At the same time, the patient often notices numbness around the mouth, pins and needles generally, and a feeling of faintness which may even lead to an actual faint.**

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Alarming as these changes are*, the symptom which really worries the sufferer is an associated chest pain and tightness, so that he (or more often she) wonders if they are to suffer a coronary thrombosis or a stroke. *The more* anxious patients become, the faster they *breathe, and the worse the symptoms.

Rather than rushing to consult distant experts on stress diseases, the easier, but rather undignified way to resolve the situation is for the patient to find a paper bag, put it over his mouth and nose (rather like a carriage horse having its lunchtime oats) and re-breathe the expired carbon dioxide. The usually recommended *first aid drill* is to take 10 deliberate, slow breaths into the bag, *pause for a few minutes, and then repeat* the process, breathing into the bag intermittently until all the symptoms have gone. A plastic bag should, of course, never be used.

Too many cups

Statistics published last month suggested that people who drink one or two *cups of coffee* a day have a *good prognosis, but that* to have more than six daily is asking for trouble. It is not clear from the reports of the research if the reduced life expectancy in heavy coffee drinkers was due to the coffee or to their temperament and lifestyle, which may often include smoking and a heavy alcohol intake. This week there was more bad news for caffeine addicts. Professor James Renwick, of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, *has written* to *The Lancet* to warn that *large doses* of coffee given to pregnant mice can certainly give rise to foetal abnormalities. There was also some evidence of a link between a high coffee intake in the human mother and congenital abnormalities of the fingers in her baby. His advice was sim*ilar to that of the cardiologist:* drink no more than two cups *of coffee a day.*

Classic cause

Most people remember the story of Lysistrata and the influence that women were able to exert on their partners long before there were evening classes in *the practice of assertive skills.* Women Against Cervical Cancer have decided to follow her example and withhold their affection and favours from their male partners unless they either have written to their *local MP* in support of their cause, or sent a contribution to *the organization's* funds, by May 1.

***Although the emphasis* in this and other campaigns has been on the failure of the health services to encourage those most at risk to attend routine screening, on the inadequacy of the present service because of the inordinate intervals between testing, and on *the problems of recall* generally, clinicians still worry *more* about the accuracy of testing. Teaching hospital experts will, if pressed, quote statistics which suggest that up to one third of positive smears may be missed because of faulty methods of collection.**

Most of the important changes in the *structure* of the cervix take place at the junction of the two types of the epithelial covering of the cervix, the squamocolumnar junction. To collect cells from this point the doctor must obtain a good view of the cervix, and so manipulate the spatula to obtain a scrape of the tissue from this area. All too often when the doctor is inexperienced and a clear view is not obtained, a smear which is worse than useless, because it is *misleading*, is sent to the laboratory. It may then, on the *evidence before it*, issue a falsely optimistic report.

In the past, genito-urinary physicians, when collecting *cells for examination from the* male urethra, have used a long curette with a short limb on the end (accurately described by patients as a hockey stick) or a very fine bottle brush. The medical magazine *Monitor* quotes a research study from the University of Virginia in which *a similar*, very *fine* brush was used, quite painlessly, to collect the cells from a woman's cervix. In this series the use of the brush reduced the number of useless smears from 12.5 per cent to 2.4 per cent in younger women, and from 15.7 to 2.1 per cent in post-menopausal women.

A few years ago a well-known woman journalist had a "negative" smear one month *but, dissatisfied by the stan*dard of care she had received, she had another taken elsewhere, which was positive. When operated on, the cervix showed three different areas where there was carcinoma *in situ*, and one where the growth was invasive. The woman was very tall and slightly overweight — characteristics which make a good view difficult. It seems her first doctor must have given up the struggle to visualize the cervix and merely pointed his spatula hopefully in the right direction. Her prescience saved her life.

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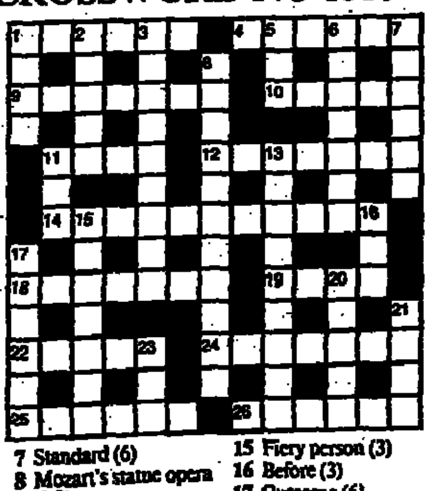

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10 Pub-board game (5)
11 Balderdash (4)
12 Castrated male horse (7)
14 Masterpiece (4,7)
18 Kneecap (7)
19 Inactive (4)
22 Laughing mammal (5)
24 Cancel out (7)
25 Slightly drunk (6)
26 Acquainted with (6)

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1 Cover (4)
2 Freight (5)
3 Awful (9)
5 Communist (3)
6 Anxious type (7)
7 Standard (6)
8 Mozart's statue opera (3,8)
11 Muscle twitch (3)
13 "Cider with Rosie" author (6,3)
15 Fiery person (3)
16 Before (3)
17 Outcome (6)
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Allergy treatment, once shunned by doctors, is now officially sanctioned

Not to be sneezed at

Allergies, which have almost been ignored by the medical profession for so long, are at *last becoming officially* recognized. Guy's Hospital in London is about to appoint the country's first specialist professor of allergies and allied respiratory disorders, and hopes to have a fully-staffed research unit in operation by October. The new chair, funded by the Asthma Research Council, is being set up *to look into the many health* problems now known to be caused by allergic reactions.

At the same time, the Royal College of Physicians is setting up training courses for doctors in the diagnosis and treatment of allergies. As yet, most doctors have no training at all in *this branch of medicine.*

These moves will, it is *hoped, help to put the science* of allergies on a proper footing.

It is estimated that one in six people now suffers from an allergy of some kind, and that allergies are far more common than used to be *the case*. As yet, few sufferers can get any kind of help on the NHS, and have had little choice but to *resort to the private allergy* testing clinics. And although some may be perfectly reputable and offer a good service, it is still the case that anybody at all can set up an allergy clinic without having any qualifications or expertise in the subject.

There *has been an allergy* clinic at Guy's for the past 10 years, which is why the hospital was chosen to house the research unit.

Several private clinics were "exposed" in *The Lancet* last year when *Maurice Lessof*, Professor of Medicine at *Guy's*, and colleagues sent them strands of hair for analysis. Nine of the donors suffered from an already confirmed fish allergy, while the others were not allergy victims.

In every case, the clinics, which were charging up to £65 *a time for the testing service*, failed to diagnose the fish allergy. They did, though, discover a wide range of allergies in the other, allergy-free patients. The other significant factor of the study was that all the clinics diagnosed completely different allergies. *There* was *no* consensus at all.

ALAN WELLER

Searching for the sources: Professor Maurice Lessof.

Lessof, who supervises the allergy clinic at Guy's, says: "The problem is that doctors have neglected allergies for so long that they have allowed bogus and fringe clinics to come in and fill the vacuum.

"Because of the *damage* done by these clinics, we are now having to treat patients who are suffering from quite bad malnutrition because they have been put on crazy diets. A standard treatment for food allergies is to put people on a diet which is supposed to *exclude the offending sub*stance. Very often, though, finding the substance is a highly complicated and time-consuming procedure. *Allergies* can be very serious, and *some treatment can only be* administered at a specialized clinic."

Lessof defines allergy as the body over-reacting to a substance which, for most people, is perfectly harmless. Allergens can include pollen, house dust, certain types of food and industrial pollutants. "Allergens can be easily avoided once they are known. *However*, there is evidence now *that instances of asthma* caused by industrial chemicals are greatly on the increase. These need proper medical attention."

Food allergies, he comments, are often the most difficult both to trace and to treat. "It is here that the private clinics have a field day. They often claim to give immediate answers, which is why they have become popular. We have a skin-prick test here where we put drops of the suspected offending substance on the skin, but it often takes months to find the culprit.

"The fact is, there is still an awful lot we don't know about allergies. We are aware that there is a major hereditary factor, but in many cases we have no idea why certain *people should be so sensitive* to ordinary foods and substances. This is why I am so pleased that the Asthma Research Council has decided to found a chair in allergy. It is a brand-new venture as, until very recently, the importance of allergies has simply not *been recognized.*"

Liz Hodgkinson

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TOMORROW

On the Friday Page:
Barbara Amiel meets the woman with six million 'friends'

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TIMES DIARY

SHERIDAN MORLEY

I am now a grand-godfather. On Tuesday, while I was doing the dawn watch on Doug Cameron's LBC breakfast show, the phone rang in the studio. I am always nervous of this, since it usually means debt collectors or irate listeners objecting to the content of the programme, or simply to the tone of one's voice. On this occasion, however, it was my eldest goddaughter's father, with news that Kate had just given birth to a son.

I only hope he gets better godfathers than me. I have five godchildren, ranging from the new mother across twenty years to Nicholas Matthew, aged eight on Monday, and some mornings I lie in bed doing memory tests by trying to recall all their names, since their birthdays usually elude me. I am not bad about Christmas presents, as I can usually work out the date when they should be sent, but I am especially appalled about my forgetfulness during the rest of the year when I think of my own godfather, Peter Bull, who used to send birthday cards not only to me until I was well over 40 but also to every customer who ever patronized his Zodiac gift shop in Notting Hill Gate.

For his 60th birthday we got the cinema manager directly across the road from his bedroom window to put up the huge neon sign: PETER BULL in The African Queen with Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn. Not bad considering he had a mere seven lines.

It occurred to me this week while chairing the Foyles literary lunch for Nicholas Coleridge and his new book about the racks and rackets of the fashion business that, even by the sartorial standards of other contemporary drama critics, my clothes are somewhat lacking in adequacy. The main problem is the suits, which date from circa 1965 and were all right until I suddenly got thin, well thinner, about two years ago and had them all taken in. Now none of them fits at all.

The other problem is the socks, which seem to come in different colours for each foot. Ned Sherrin swears that when he first went out to open *Side by Side by Sondheim*, sitting centre stage as the narrator with legs crossed, a woman in the front row of the stalls hissed to her friend in an audible whisper: "I see short socks are back in fashion". Perhaps they still are, but I still worry that most of mine barely make it to my ankles. One magical day I did manage to find a pair in the cupboard that actually reached my calves, only to discover that they were my 12-year-old daughter's school tights and that she didn't care for the way they had been stretched.

Talking about Ned Sherrin's socks to Prince Edward on Sunday night (well, one has to talk about something, and we were backstage at Sadler's Wells after doing a fundraiser for Dan Crawford's superb and ever-imperilled King's Head theatre) I was trying to recall other great lines overheard in theatres during first nights. My own favourite is still the two men leaving the Old Vic after the opening of the Peter O'Toole *Macbeth*: "All I hope now is the dog hasn't been sick in the car." Running it a close second is a woman's remark at Stratford as the curtain descended on the ritual array of corpses at the end of a long and not wonderful *Antony and Cleopatra*: "The very same thing happened to Maureen." All others would be gratefully received at the usual address. There's probably a charity book there somewhere.

BARRY FANTONI

'Now the knock on the door could mean the arrival of a regular deep pan four cheeses to go'

There was a winning moment at Sadler's Wells when the Prince asked Victoria Wood about her immediate plans. "On Tuesday," said the great and good Miss Wood, "I am opening in Crawley. At the Leisure Centre." Not even Buckingham Palace, I suspect, could teach students of the polite but pertinent reply to follow a line like that.

Before we were allowed to meet Prince Edward, a note was passed backstage to the effect that we should not smoke, eat or drink in his immediate vicinity. Smoking I do understand, having long believed that it should be a capital offence, this being about the only penalty not currently threatened to inhalers by Alexander Walker on his telephone-answering machine. But eating and drinking seem to me altogether more dangerous taboos: are we soon to have no-eating and no-drinking areas in restaurants, pubs and aeroplanes — and that perhaps followed by a rule requiring everyone to stay in bed at all times, alone and wrapped up warmly? All except officials, that is.

Coming out of a four-hour *Faust* in Hammersmith on Monday night, I discovered that my car had vanished from the layby outside the pub on the Broadway where I have been leaving it during first nights for rather more than a decade. Assuming it to have been stolen, I talked to a nice lady at the police station who said not at all, it had simply been taken 100 yards across the road to the car pound, and I could have it back for a mere £55 plus VAT and service and fine. When I got to the pound and complained somewhat bitterly that this was a new one on me, they said that indeed all local parking laws had been changed a couple of weeks ago. What's more, it was in the local paper. So before you trying parking anywhere, I suggest you call in at the nearest newsagent.

Andrew McEwen suggests a British lead to make hijacking harder

The lessons of Larnaca

The odyssey of Flight KU 422 has exposed gaping holes in anti-hijack precautions and revealed that international agreements to stand firm fail if the country concerned is too small or vulnerable to implement them. British ministers and senior airline sources believe Cyprus made a damaging concession by letting the plane leave for Algeria.

The British government had hoped that the nightmare would end at Larnaca: peacefully, preferably, but with the SAS storming the plane, or training a Cypriot special unit for the task, if the hijackers had begun their threatened "slow quiet massacre" of hostages.

Rodney Wallis, the International Air Transport Association's security chief, yesterday expressed his "disappointment" that the Cyprus authorities had allowed the aircraft to leave. Privately, airline officials were saying that Cyprus had caved in, transferring its own problem to Algeria and probably setting off a fresh crop of hijackings.

"It seems obvious that these men, or some of them, have taken part in previous hijackings because of the sophistication they have shown," one official said. "If they are allowed to go free they will surely strike again, as well as train others."

This is not to say there is no understanding of Cyprus's dilemma. A small country heavily dependent on tourism and uncomfortably close to Lebanon should not be expected to show the same toughness as Britain.

Until the last hours, in fact, President Vassiliou's government followed the recommended procedures for hijack management: (1) keep the plane on the ground; (2) keep talking; (3) try to wear down the hijackers; (4) make no deals, (5) carefully monitor the hijackers' tone and phraseology to assess their level of desperation; (6) storm the plane only after the hijackers have begun to shed hostages' blood on a significant scale.

But the deal to which it at last agreed — the release of 12 passengers for enough fuel to reach Algeria — undermined all the earlier good work.

What then should be done to stiffen the mettle of small governments like that of Cyprus — and larger, for that matter? IATA suggests the creation of a new international body that would take charge of negotiations and be responsible for the prosecution and imprisonment of culprits. It would have its own high-security prisons, presumably on territory which it would own, to prevent the host country being exposed to blackmail.

Realistically, this is seen as a Utopian approach since few countries would accept the consequent loss of national sovereignty. But given the ineffectiveness of present agreements, the unthinkable could well become more thinkable.

And what of the technical lessons of KU 422? Here the answers are simpler but expensive. There are strong grounds for believing that the weak point in security was lack of adequate controls on airport staff at Bangkok airport, where the flight began. The aircraft was on the ground for 15 hours, giving ground staff the opportunity to put weapons on board, either out of sympathy or because of bribes or threats.

The Thai government has insisted that security was adequate and has begun an investigation. But it has shown no willingness to accept suggestions that the investigation should be carried out by an international panel. It probably does not know that a secret test of security measures at Bangkok was conducted by an airline expert not long before the hijacking. His report, yet to be published, said that while there was adequate screening of passengers, arrangements for ground staff "could be breached".

The defensiveness shown by the Thai government is understandable but unnecessary. The same criticism could have been made of the United States, Britain and most other countries. We, as much as they, are guilty of assuming that the threat comes from passengers rather than local employees. Kennedy Airport in New York has 40,000 ground staff. Heathrow not many fewer, and although supervised to some extent they do not go through detection controls.

The experts admit that adequate measures would cost a fortune and would be only partly effective. Existing equipment would spot guns, but would have difficulty detecting plastic explosives in, for example, food containers. The smell of kerosene at airports makes it difficult to calibrate sniffer machines, but refinements are expected in about two years.

Once a hijacking has begun, how could technology end it more quickly? After Yassir Arafat's claim that the KU 422 hijackers had been taking orders by radio from Iran some officials considered the idea of jamming. But the initial view yesterday was that this would do more harm than good. If the hijackers *were* in contact with outside controllers, British and other listening stations would have been tuned in.

One controversial suggestion from a senior government official yesterday was that there should be an agreement to limit publicity during a hijacking, along the lines of accords between the police and press over kidnappings. The aim would be to starve the hijackers of publicity, so reducing the motivation and preventing them receiving information. The Government felt that reports by radio stations in Cyprus of articles in the British press may have enabled the hijackers to guess Britain's views on the use of force.

But hijackings are such international events that a total ban on publicity would be impossible to enforce; and in the past security services have obtained vital clues from comments made by hijackers in press interviews.

What is clear is that the lessons of KU 422 need to be absorbed quickly, without waiting for a long international debate. The British government could set an example by tightening controls on ground staff at Heathrow. It would be money well spent.

Bernard Levin

This appetite for bad taste

A recent Gallup Poll dealt with the public's view of their newspapers. (Also of television and radio, but they are not my concern today.) On the whole, the attitudes revealed were appalling; the public thinks we are liars, invaders of privacy, sex-obsessed, given to hiding unwelcome facts, politically biased and owned by the wrong people. I propose to discuss these charges in some detail, but before I do so I wish to draw your attention to the curious behaviour of the dog in the night-time; it didn't bark. To all the contemptuous accusations the public levelled at us in the poll, there is one spectacularly obvious defence, but as far as my reading of the reports goes, no paper has even mentioned the defence, let alone put it forward and demanded an acquittal.

The reason for the avoidance of any reply to the allegations is as obvious as the reply itself; it seems to me, however, that the newspapers' silence is mistaken. Well, I was not christened Bernard Gregers Werle Levin for nothing; it is my destiny, too, to be thirteenth at table. I therefore propose today to defy the law of *omerta* and tell the world what is fundamentally wrong with the Gallup Poll's findings, and what I think, but which no newspaper has said, of the public which has so condemned us.

First, however, the figures. Respondents were asked to say, on a scale of one to five, how truthful or untruthful the newspapers are. Broken down by age and sex (old joke, but I can't help that) as well as class, and starting with the quality papers (defined on Gallup's questionnaire as *The Times, Guardian, Independent* and *Telegraph*), the following conclusion is reached. Only a fifth of the newspaper-reading public as a whole think we are very truthful, and within that discouraging proportion there are groups which cannot muster a tenth from their ranks to say so. Even when the highest standard of truthfulness is diluted (well, nobody's perfect) we cannot persuade half the nation to say that the quality newspapers are generally truthful, and in some sections of the population no more than a fifth would agree with that judgement. (There are, incidentally, huge numbers of "don't knows".)

That, if you please, is the rating of the quality papers. When it comes to the figures for the pops (listed as *Sun, Mirror, Star*), starting at the other end this time, the dreadful news dawns; four fifths of those polled think, broadly speaking, that the populars hardly ever tell the truth at all, and when we turn the column on its head and inquire of the public as to how many believe the pops to be "very truthful", we find that it ranges from 5 per cent down to 1.

And that is only truthfulness. Far worse results are recorded on such questions as whether there is too much emphasis in the pops on "sexy" stories (Gallup's quotation-marks); no division of the voters recorded a disapproval level less than three quarters of the sample, and the average was more than 80 per cent. That "there are too many newspapers in the hands of a few owners" is settled wisdom among two thirds of the population and even that conclusion is surpassed by the news that nine out of 10 think it is wrong for newspapers to invade the privacy of ordinary people, and some four out of five think it no less so when the invaded are famous.

Then again, newspapers are, on the whole, not doing a good job telling all sides in controversial issues, and are positively dreadful (around 75-80 per cent in all categories) in bothering to correct mistakes.

Nor can we comfort ourselves, quality or pop, by saying that there is a complete and irrational hostility to newspapers; they back us, even though not very enthusiastically, on such issues as *Spycatcher*, and much more strongly on "access to the way the government works", and on the whole the public thinks that controls on what we may print are not too loose.

Well, there we are; gin-stained scoundrels in dirty raincoats to a man. What we do not invent we get wrong, and even that is gained by intrusion into privacy. The Royal Family should set the dogs on us, and we spend any remaining time being party hacks and covering up stories, presumably on behalf of anyone who will bribe us to do so. No wonder, then, that in any survey of the public's admiration of listed professions, the nurses come top, and we come fifth from last, beating only pickpockets, Mafia hit-men, orang-utans and lawyers.

Oh, yes? And what about the defence I promised you? It can be put in a single sentence. It is addressed to *you* — yes, you over there in the grey jacket, and you with the red nose, and you with the briefcase trying to sidle out of the room because you have just twigged what I am about to say, and you with the provocative blouse (particularly you), and indeed very many millions more. For my message is for all newspaper readers, assuming — as I do — that the Gallup Poll was an accurate sample of public attitudes. Ladies and gentlemen, you are a pack of double-dyed hypocrites.

From the newspapers surveyed by Gallup the *Sun*, the *Mirror* and the *Star* were classified together, selling in total nearly *ten million* copies every weekday. And to whom do they sell them? Why, to people who profess to believe that they are disgusting, intrusive, mendacious, inaccurate, biased and wrongfully owned.

It has been said that newspaper readers get the newspapers they deserve. The claim is a tautology, used to evade the truth; readers get the papers they *want*. They — no, *you* — want boobs on Page 3, Fergie on Page 4, bias on Page 5, rape on Page 6, smearing of Mark Thatcher on Page 9, Di in tears on Page 10, Fiona Wright's Confessions on Page 11, Michael Heseltine's marker for the Tory leadership on Page 12, a delicate hint of incest in the life of Leonard Bernstein on Page 44, the Trotskyites' Exchange and Mart (aka the letters page of the *Guardian*) on Page 20, and me right here on Page 14.

And what you want you get. A fair enough bargain, one might think, but you don't think it. You buy the papers which give you exactly what you demand, and then despise them for doing so. You have in your hands the remedy (to stop buying them) for what you falsely denounce, and you don't take it because you don't want to, and never did want to; you said those things only to impress the girl from Gallup.

Even your guilt feelings are spurious, and your expression of them much more so; you are so many Jimmy Swaggarts, preaching against the newspapers in public and getting into bed with them, for cash down, in private. And when the wowsers legislate for censorship you will first applaud and then howl with rage at being deprived of your daily titillation.

Reputable opinion-surveying institutions like the Gallup Poll do not permit their agents to argue with the respondents. But the more sophisticated interviewers must surely have wanted to cry "Come off it!" as they listened to a denunciation of the popular press in a house with five *Sun* Bingo-cards on the mantelpiece.

A free press entails abuses of freedom; the paradox is similar to that of democracy, which must tolerate people who wish to destroy it. A free press, therefore, may well include Nigel Dempster, and ultimately even James Whitaker. Sensible freedom lovers will understand that that is the price we pay for freedom, and for freedom it is surely cheap. But newspaper readers, it seems, will not accept the bargain and shut up; they want to have their cake and vomit it out. So be it; but the next time Gallup comes knocking at the door, kindly have the grace to tuck Samantha Fox's wobblies down the back of the sofa before denouncing the *News of the World* for being obsessed with sex. You might blush, too, if you can remember how.

Commentary • RONALD BUTT

Princely virtues

The BBC's *Panorama* programme on the Prince of Wales followed the now customary practice of gaining public attention in advance by leaking sensational bits. In this way we learned that Mr Norman Tebbit would say that Prince Charles was particularly concerned with unemployment because he himself lacked a job, his "problem" being that he had no responsibility for anything.

In the programme itself, however, the answers were often less mischief-making than the questions. Thus, when the leader of the left-wing Sheffield council was asked whether he thought the Prince appreciated the problems of the inner cities better than the Government, he replied, properly, that it would be wrong to involve him in party politics. Yet despite the attempts to do just this, what came through was not only the Prince's genuine concern for problems which are, or should be, the concern of everyone but the constructive way in which he approached them, bringing people together in a non-political atmosphere and showing particular skill in the craft of tactful chairmanship.

The heart of the programme, nevertheless, was Mr Tebbit's singular contribution. Mr Tebbit has a mordant and sardonic humour which is part of his charm. You may think that he simply lets it run away with him and does not calculate the consequences. My own opinion is that he never does anything except on purpose and that he knew very well what the impact of his words would be. Thus, when he first spoke of the Prince as a "sensible young man" and then corrected the "young" by pointing out that he is nearly forty and without responsibility, Mr Tebbit was having it both ways and building up a contrived picture which is as false as it is patronizing. It would be much more accurate to say that Mr Tebbit now lacks a job than that Prince Charles does.

The Prince has no need of any job except that which he is doing. The role of the Royal Family is to identify itself with the nation in a way that transcends party politics. This does not place everything that can be called politics, in the broader sense, out of bounds to them since almost everything that matters is in the broad sense political. You cannot say that clean streets and good hospitals are good things, or that murder is bad, without making a statement about human relationships within the *polis*. Party politics intrude only when particular remedies on which parties differ are proposed; unlike wickeder members of the episcopate, the Prince has never made that mistake.

So what is the problem? It is apparently that the Prince draws attention to difficulties facing some of the Queen's subjects about which the Government is sensitive. Yet if he behaved as though they did not exist, or refrained from visiting inner cities with left-wing authorities, these would be very clear tacit political statements. In times long past it was the job of the monarch to travel the country so that subjects could petition directly for the redress of grievances with which the established procedures had failed to deal.

A certain delicate residual function from that role remains to the Royal Family. Under any party government, some of the Queen's subjects will have problems in need of sympathy. The Prince is not wrong to direct attention to them outside the tramlines of party political thinking, stimulating others to constructive solutions. If supporters of the Government choose to regard his interest in jobs and cities as a covert form of party politics directed against them, they accuse themselves.

In the hard-nosed self-help element of the new Conservative party there are some who, applauding their own rise by self-help, have so little time for what they call "privilege" that they tend to fall into a kind of rightist quasi-republicanism which is offhand about the Crown. Like some of their echoes in the media, they think it has little place in the meritocratic world.

They are foolish. The Crown in Parliament is the kernel of the constitution and the monarchy symbolizes more than 1,000 years of continuity. Without their special regard for continuity and the constitution, the Tories would be just another party which, though here today, might be gone tomorrow. Jibes at the Prince by some Tory politicians who should know better and cheap insults in parts of the Tory media are as foolish politically as the tactics of those who try to use the Prince's concern for social problems as a stick for beating Thatcherism.

Most ordinary Tory supporters are offended. They no more demand that the Prince should walk in fear of saying anything positive lest he can be accused of offending Thatcherism than that he should be socialist. As for the Prince himself, the biggest mistake he could make would be to be persuaded that what he is doing is not a real job. It is very real, it needs to be done and few could do it better.

SCIENCE REPORT

Tall storeys

The legendary propensity of cats to cheat death has come under scientific scrutiny in a report published in the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association.*

New York vets Wayne Whitney and Cheryl Mehlhaff draw on principles of physics, anatomy and evolution to explain why cats survive falls from high buildings that would kill people.

New York City, with its potentially lethal combination of skyscrapers and concrete pavements, is a dangerous place for cats. In five months, 132 were brought to the city's animal medical centre suffering from "high rise syndrome", a complex of fractures and other injuries compatible with falling from a great height. Most fell on to concrete from two storeys or more.

Whitney and Mehlhaff found that 90 per cent of those treated survived. One had fallen 32 storeys (nearly 500ft) only to be released from the centre after 48 hours of observation, having suffered minor thoracic injuries and a chipped tooth. A fall from a quarter of this height would invariably kill a human being.

Remarkably, the mortality rate and severity of injuries peaked at seven storeys. Most fallen cats suffered from fractures, injuries to the thorax, and, in a minority of cases, split palates. All the injuries could be treated; the only cats to be put down were those whose owners wished it or could not afford to pay for treatment.

Paul Bryant

Whitney and Mehlhaff's main problems were in verifying the circumstances of each accident. It is relatively easy to predict the kinds and severity of injuries a cat will sustain when falling from a particular height on to a surface of known consistency but matters are complicated if a cat should meet anything on the way down, such as a tree, fire escape or shop awning.

Whatever might befall a cat, the prognosis for a human being falling from more than six storeys is usually unfavourable. Causes of death in adults are head injuries and internal haemorrhage. Free falls are the most common cause of traumatic death in American children under 15, accounting for more than 13,000 deaths each year.

Compared with humans, cats have a much larger surface area in relation to their volume. This means that their maximum rate of descent is lower and is reached more quickly; and the stresses caused by impact are much less. Cats, however, suffer less severe injuries than, for example, falling dogs of the same size. So they clearly have something extra which helps them subvert, if not defy, the remorseless logic of Newtonian mechanics. Professor Jared Diamond, of the University of California Medical School, writing in today's *Nature*, puts it down to their evolutionary heritage.

Cats descend from animals which lived in trees and have inherited the safety mechanisms evolved by their ancestors to survive that environment. In addition, they have good stereoscopic vision. When a cat falls from a window, an acutely refined gyroscopic reflex — a legacy of arborial ancestry — comes into play, righting the animal so that it lands on all fours.

Muscle tension is a response to acceleration through the air, but once the cat reaches terminal velocity, its muscles relax so that the legs splay out horizontally. The animal then descends parachute-fashion, like a flying squirrel. This maximizes the surface area, and thus air-braking, and minimizes the effects of impact on any particular part of the body.

Nearly two thirds of the cats in the study were under three years old. Older cats presumably value the remainder of their quota of lives and stay well clear of sheer drops.

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AS BEFORE IN AFGHANISTAN

With the Geneva agreement on the point of signature, it seems that Soviet troops will, after all, begin to leave Afghanistan on May 15 as planned. This day should be welcomed. It represents a great victory for the Afghan peoples, won in the face of overwhelmingly superior firepower, utterly ruthless tactics and appalling casualties. It removes, for the foreseeable future, the fears of some people in the West that the Soviets might force Pakistan into the Soviet camp, or even march from Kandahar to the Persian Gulf.

It does not seem likely that the Soviets will be back, unless their state changes for the worse once more in a really radical way. They have received an extremely bloody nose over the past eight years. Moreover, by the time the Mujahedin are finished, there will not be many potential Soviet allies left in Afghanistan.

The Soviets arrived in the middle of an Afghan civil war, and it shows every sign of continuing after their departure. They intervened to save a disintegrating client regime from the popular hatred which its over-hasty reforms and brutal repressions had drawn upon it. They leave that regime weaker and more hated than ever. Few observers give it more than a few months of life.

Hence the present Soviet desire, restated yesterday in London by Academician Primakov, for an interim coalition government in Kabul, embracing all elements of the Afghan scene. This would be the only way that the Soviets could, in the short term, save anything of their longstanding predominant influence over Afghanistan as a whole. It would also save Moscow from the humiliation of having to stand by while its former clients are massacred in the streets.

Such a government seems, however, very unlikely in view of the hatreds accumulated over the years. Blood feuds alone would make any guarantee of security to former leading members of the regime virtually worthless.

Knowing this, and knowing the weakness of their position, members of the regime are already showing signs of preparations for flight. When this mood spreads to the already demoralized army, the game will be up.

Mr Gorbachov may be hoping that the Mujahedin will not be able to stay united long enough to storm Kabul, and that by dropping Dr. Najibullah and other elements, some remnant of the communists might be able to make a separate peace with "moderate" guerrilla groups. But this seems a pipedream. The Mujahedin are divided on many things – especially the role of ex-King Zahir Shah. But they are united in their hatred of the communists, who have betrayed their country and caused it so much suffering. They are not likely to weaken at this stage in the game.

The issue then is likely to be what sort of Mujahedin government will succeed in Kabul. The Soviets are probably hoping that the answer will be no government at all – as is the case today when the communists rule less than 20 per cent of the country. There has been some worry, in the West as well as in Moscow, that an Islamic fundamentalist regime may take over. But given the traditional weakness of the central government in Afghanistan, and the number of heavily armed local forces now at large, Afghanistan may very likely return to its earlier state of more-or-less permanent internal conflict.

This might suit the Soviets quite well. Such a state of affairs would hold out no appeal for the Muslims of Soviet Central Asia. Moreover, the Soviets could create a *cordon sanitaire* between them and subversive influences by propping up some communist remnant along the Afghan-Soviet border. This is the meaning of the recent spate of detailed Soviet aid agreements in the northern region, and for the rumours that the communists might shift the capital to the northern town of Mazar-e-Sharif.

It would, however, be a disaster for many ordinary Afghans, and especially for the refugees. It would also place Pakistan in enormous difficulties. The Pakistani population is getting very tired of the Afghan refugees on its soil, and the effect this has had on violence and crime within Pakistan. If they learned that the refugees were going to be staying indefinitely, even after a Soviet withdrawal, the resulting public anger might well endanger President Zia's government, and the unity of the country. If India were tempted to dabble, the result could be a great increase in local tension.

This eventuality would not directly threaten the interests of the West. None the less, for reasons of humanity as well as for the sake of peace, the West should support Pakistan and Mr Cordovez in trying, however high the odds, to bring about a transitional government in Kabul, and failing that, to encourage the guerrillas to unite in a real coalition, preferably under the leadership of Zahir Shah.

THE POPINJAY PRINCIPLE

Those who want a future for the Social and Liberal Democratic Party are becoming anxious as each day passes towards the date of June 1. Until that time, it has been agreed, none of their would-be leaders will declare his candidacy. There is nothing in the new rules, however, to stop declarations of non-candidacy. Mr David Steel's declaration is daily awaited. Without it the prospects for the new party are poor – poorer even than the opinion polls suggest.

For the first three months of the year a new face at the top of the SLDs had seemed a certainty. No conversation with a centre party supporter (even those not certain which centre party they supported) was complete without reference to the so-called "parrot affair", the disastrous manifesto signed in January by Mr Steel and Mr Robert Maclennan, which seemed surely to have ditched the political careers of both.

Under pressure from his MPs, Mr Steel had quickly declared that the manifesto proposals to abolish mortage interest tax relief and impose VAT on children's clothes were "as dead as John Cleese's parrot" – a reference to an old joke which was later expanded for the benefit of younger party members in a speech by the Liberal Party veteran, Mr Des Wilson. But Liberal MPs were still not satisfied. Mr Steel had to go – a fact which he appeared to them to accept.

This parrot is now a part of the party's unofficial heraldic ornament. The symbolism seems, however, to be lost on Mr Steel, who is reported to be responding to pressure from his colleagues to pretend that the bird had never lived and to stand for election to the leadership.

Various reasons are adduced for this. The first is that the SLD – currently hovering at about eight per cent in the polls – cannot afford to risk further oblivion by dumping its only nationally known figure. The second is that Mr Steel is the only man experienced enough to dispatch the hopes of Dr Owen – a desirable first step to SLD success.

The third is that Mr Paddy Ashdown would be the most likely successor; and that the member for Yeovil, while having done a good job wooing former Social Democrats, is not popular with fellow Liberal MPs. The fourth is that if Mr Steel were to guide the new party on its first faltering steps, he would keep the door open for the young Mr Charles Kennedy, who could take over when he was judged to have reached the age of gravitas.

The appreciation of these four factors may have coincided with a fifth – in the mind of Mr Steel himself. He has nowhere else to go. No suitably high-minded international position is on offer. It is one thing to see all the reasons for giving up the position of a party leader at Westminster, and the trappings it carries with it. It is something else actually to give up the position when there is no equivalent office, secretary and car waiting in the wings.

Sadly for Mr Steel, only this last factor has any real weight. Mr Steel is far too well known to be the convincing leader of a party which claims to offer something new. He is completely identified with the failure of the Liberal-SDP alliance to break the two-party system. Nothing can change that.

He is certainly experienced at dealing with Dr Owen. Some supporters of Mr Steel's candidature claim that the two men's shared campaigns would constrain the SDP leader from attacking his former brother-in-arms too ferociously. This is to elevate the claims of political constancy implausibly high. Dr Owen would love to play a part in the downfall of Mr Steel and the SLD – the bigger the better.

Mr Ashdown is rightly identified as the man most likely to succeed if Mr Steel stepped aside. A Mori poll conducted at the turn of the year showed him to be the second favourite among Alliance supporters, way behind Mr Steel but with more than five times the support of Mr Alan Beith. He has made a powerful impression on ex-Social Democrats in particular through his opposition to the Education Bill in Parliament. He has a unilateralist past but has impressed sceptics with his growing realism about defence.

Most important of all, he has given indications that he takes seriously the need to formulate future centre party policy in the light of the changes in Britain during the Thatcher years. Since Dr Owen, who shares the assessment of that need, is out of the running, the choice of any leader of the SLD will bring some risk of the unknown.

But by contrast – and this is all too well known – Mr Steel's interest in the formulation of policy is scant. No one with his experience of politics could have put his name to the "parrot" if he had been really concerned with what it said. As for Mr Kennedy, the party may not live long enough to wait for his majority.

Mr Steel's power base has always been his popularity in the country. But this is on the wane. Mori poll figures show that between the June election and the end of January those assessing him as a capable leader fell from 30 per cent to 15 per cent. Those who judged him to understand the problems facing Britain fell from 41 per cent to 17 per cent. The percentage of voters satisfied with his leadership has halved.

The problems which excite the passion of Mr Steel are those that swayed the sixties – from industrial democracy to the anti-apartheid movement. He bears a standard for the past – and emblazoned upon it is that dead parrot or dead popinjay as the heralds would have us call it.

In centuries past the popinjay on a coat of arms commemorated administrative or commercial success in tropical countries. Mr Steel would serve his party and principles best by taking a job with, say, the United Nations.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wasted effort

From Sir Simeon Bull

Sir, In her Legal and Financial column of March 26, Frances Gibb comments on the varying reactions of solicitors' firms to the introduction of the Financial Services Act. The reactions that she does not mention are those of extreme irritation and exasperation underpinned with mounting frustration experienced by some, including my firm.

Two years ago, having registered under the Data Protection Act, this firm made use of the talent available during the universities' long summer vacation to transfer all our trust, probate and private client information on to our computer. There was no time pressure and we all rather enjoyed the mental exercise, which did not interfere with daily routine and was not overly expensive.

Now, however, I find that although what we have is about 90 per cent effective in relation to the requirements of the Act as presently perceived, we must go through the entire exercise all over again – but this time under considerable time pressure. We have a terminal date of June 30 but, so far, no starting date because, as far as I know, "the rules" have yet to be finalised down to the last dotted "i" and crossed "t".

Yours sincerely,
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Future of the Copyright Bill

From the General Secretaries of the Society of Authors and of the Writers' Guild of Great Britain

Sir, The Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill has just completed its third reading in the House of Lords and will be considered by the Commons soon. It may be timely to attempt to summarise the views of authors.

Given the unrelenting pressure on parliamentary time, it is to the credit of this Government that it is introducing long overdue legislation which tackles a complex subject and attempts to take account of the many technological changes of recent years. However, it is regrettable that, at the behest of powerful commercial interests, the Government has allowed the protection given to creators to be significantly weakened as the Bill has passed through the Lords.

In the White Paper published in April, 1986, there was a well-argued chapter devoted to the need for a levy or statutory royalty on blank audio tapes (as already happens in many European countries). For no good reason other than lobbying by tape manufacturers, the Government is now reneging on its commitment. The arguments in favour of a royalty on blank video tapes have also been ignored.

Elsewhere in the White Paper it was proposed that photocopying for commercial research should fall outside authorised "fair dealing" and be subject to reasonable payment under licensing schemes. Here, too, the Government has performed a *volte face*, on the ground that "it is essential that small and large businesses have every opportunity to develop their research potential". Of course research is important, but why should researchers and writers be expected to subsidise industry and the professions?

In order to comply with the Berne Convention, the Government is introducing "moral rights" – in particular the right of a creator not to have his or her work subjected to "unjustified modification". From the outset the relevant chapter in the Bill was so full of procedural pitfalls as to make the new rights of limited practical value. The provisions have been watered down still further in the House of Lords.

Two years ago the White Paper gave us high hopes that the Government was being realistic about some much-needed reforms. It is not too late for the House of Commons and the Department of Trade and Industry to put the legislation back on its original course.

Yours faithfully,
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(General Secretary, The Society of Authors),
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April 7.

Belfast murders

From Mr Richard Need

Sir, The parallel drawn by the Archbishop of Canterbury between the crucifixion of Jesus and the murder of the two soldiers in Belfast (report, April 4) is a curious one.

The gospels do not tell us what charges Jesus faced under Roman law nor anything about the Roman trial that he must have faced before being sentenced. But we do know that the sentence was carried out according to the law which obtained at that time.

To confuse a legal execution, however barbaric we may think it now, with a lynching by a hate-crazed mob is confusion indeed.

Yours faithfully,
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Surrey.
April 5.

Town piazza

From Mr A. C. W. McKenna

Sir, As managing agents for the Culver Centre, Colchester, we have been concerned at the report (March 24) relating to photography in the square.

There is not and indeed, never has been, a ban on photography of a personal nature. If photographs are intended to be used for commercial purposes, then we do ask that the people involved discuss the matter with the centre manager.

Yours faithfully,
A. C. W. McKENNA,
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Feline fiends

From Mr Jack Adrian

Sir, Your Science Report on the sanguinary habits of domestic cats (April 2) elicited a hollow laugh from this household, which includes three.

It is true that White Cat (now 10) has never caught anything in her life, and although her son Winker (now nine) did once catch a baby rabbit, he is so idle and stupid a creature that he didn't know what to do with it and I was able to rescue it unharmed.

However, this charming picture of feline pacifism is more than offset by the wholesale slaughter inflicted on the local vole, shrew and mouse population by my oldest cat, Samantha, possibly the most accomplished fiend since the Countess Elizabeth Bathory.

Still, at the age of 16, she brings in on averge a small mammal every two days from late March to early October; worse, it is a rare dawn when, on rising, I do not have to clear up the discarded evidence of a murderous night op. During the winter months her kill ratio goes down, I suppose, by half.

If, as your correspondent surmises, the true total of prey killed is double, the figures are too frightful to contemplate.

Yours sincerely,
JACK ADRIAN,
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April 4.

Disaster planning and the law

From Air Commodore George Innes, RAF (retd)

Sir, As an emergency planning practitioner, I subscribe to the main conclusion drawn at the recent symposium on disaster planning held at the Royal Military College of Science (report, April 2) that a new law is urgently needed to provide for disaster planning in the UK.

Whitehall's track record in this regard is not encouraging, however. It took the European Council's "Seveso" directive to compel Government to make regulations requiring emergency plans to be prepared for certain major industrial hazards in this country and for the people working and living in the shadow of those sites to be advised of the self-protective measures they should take in the event of an accident.

A duty to make these plans was placed on local authorities in 1984 and is now well established, but only the most hazardous sites are caught by the regulations. A timely opportunity to enlarge this statutory base was ignored by Government when passing, in 1986, the ineffective Civil Protection in Peacetime Act.

Moreover, only last month the Home Office, in consultation with the Department of the Environment withdrew their support of pan-London emergency co-ordination arrangements for coping with the aftermath of a major emergency and effectively forced the closure of the only facility in London which was designed and established as an emergency co-ordination centre 15 years ago – at the instigation, incidentally, of the Home Office staff. How is that for progress?

According to your report, Lord Ferrers, Minister of State at the Home Office, has announced that his department are currently reviewing national arrangements for disaster planning. One is bound to ask how it makes sense to acknowledge a national need in this regard while concurrently dismantling London's established arrangements.

Yours faithfully,
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Bottoms up

From the Chairman and Chief Executive of Vickers Shipbuilding & Engineering Ltd

Sir, On April 8 you gave prominence to the report of an alignment error made by my company in welding together two hull sections in a Trafalgar class nuclear submarine currently under construction. The mistake, as it certainly was, was picked up by the company's quality control procedures. Its consequences are being assessed and necessary corrective action will be taken. Despite the mistake it is already clear that the submarine will be delivered on time and with no adverse cost implications for the Ministry of Defence.

Your reporter chose to make fun of the incident. I do not object to this. Those who make mistakes in our open society must expect them to be reported – humorously or otherwise.

But I am amazed at the comments attributed to a serving French rear-admiral, who cannot be aware of the repeated requests of his submarine construction colleagues, made at the highest ministerial and official levels, to be allowed to observe and apply the modern and cost-effective submarine construction methods developed in VSEL. Nor can he be even remotely aware of relative nuclear submarine performance if he really "had been telling the Canadians for months that the British could not do anything right", as your report stated.

In the secretive world of submarine performance the general public may be excused ignorance. But it is extremely worrying to read of a senior French naval officer who is no better informed than the man in the street. I would want to keep such an officer well to the "rear"!

Yours faithfully,
RODNEY LEACH,
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Engineering Ltd,
Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria.
April 11.

From Professor Emeritus Sir Alan Harris

Sir, If you write "this way up" on top of an object which is then placed the wrong way up, the message will be invisible. Write the word "bottom" on the bottom and, should there be inversion, the message is glaring.

This sounds trivial; it is far-reaching. I suspect that VSEL, with their upside-down hull segment, have now learnt the lesson – alas, at some cost.

Yours truly,
ALAN HARRIS,
128 Ashley Gardens,
Thirleby Road, SW1.

Ilea and costs

From the Leader of the Inner London Education Authority

Sir, It is not clear from your report, "Independents less costly than Ilea" (later editions, March 30), on what basis the costs of independent schools are being computed, let alone whether there is any rational basis for comparison with maintained schools in inner London.

For the record, however, there is no secret about the basis for calculating unit costs in inner London. Apart from a few minor items (rent, exchequer grants, financing charges and parental contributions), everything is included. Contrary to your report, central services like administration, in-service training and support services *are* included. Also included are books, stationery, instrumental tuition, materials for technical subjects and a wide range of sporting activities, for which many independent schools charge extra.

Your report also misled in comparing Ilea's unit cost for the year 1987-88 with independent school "costs" for the year ending August, 1987. The relevant Ilea unit cost for comparison should have been £2,275 (the 1986-87 figure), rather than the "more than £2,400" which you quote.

On that basis, I have done a little research of my own. The Isis (Independent Schools Information Service) handbook for 1987 lists 30 schools in the inner London area taking pupils of secondary age. Twenty of them charged fees more than £2,275. Of the remaining 10, seven were girls only schools; your readers may draw their own conclusions about what that suggests about equal opportunities in the private sector.

Finally, the three inner London schools which chose to go independent when the Ilea abolished selection in 1977 all charged more.

Yours faithfully,
NEIL FLETCHER, Leader,
Inner London Education Authority,
The County Hall, SE1.

Storm clearance

From Mr Tom Flood

Sir, Mr R. F. Eberlie's letter (April 6) lamented the absence of the "Friends of Kent" and the need for voluntary help following the devastation caused by the hurricane of October 16 last year.

I can assure him that the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers has been actively involved in lending a hand. Some 7,184 volunteers have helped with storm clearance work and a modest replanting effort has in fact started with the planting of 21,207 trees.

With financial assistance from industry and charitable trusts we have established in the south of England a permanently staffed woodland unit to co-ordinate future activities. In the autumn the BTCV will start a major programme with the target of planting nationally over three years a million trees.

Yours sincerely,
TOM FLOOD,
British Trust for Conservation Volunteers,
36 St Mary's Street,
Wallingford, Oxfordshire.

Speed limits

From Mr Robert D. Singleton

Sir, I am struggling to understand why the logic behind the recent (albeit selective) imposition of mandatory 50mph speed limits on motorway "contra-flows" (report, April 8) should not also apply to single carriageway roads which are subject to a 60mph limit and which are inherently more dangerous.

Yours faithfully,
R. D. SINGLETON,
Denis Wilson & Partners
(Consulting engineers and transportation planners),
Wilson House,
52 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1.

Voices unto the Lord

From Mr Robert Nott

Sir, I suspect that Mr Harte (April 4) would find that churches "where no birds sing" are those which have had the wisdom to protect their buildings by taking measures to repel birds.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT NOTT,
Englefield Cottage,
Hurtmore,
Godalming, Surrey.
April 4.

Slightly confused

From Miss Rosemary Scott

Sir, Whilst working in the British Library, I recently had occasion to refer to a volume about the Religious Tract Society. The volume in question had been handsomely rebound, and proclaimed itself, in fresh gold-block lettering, to be a work on the Religious *Tact* Society.

Perhaps, in the present climate, such a society might indeed be founded.

Yours faithfully,
ROSEMARY SCOTT,
4 White Leaves Rise,
Cuxton,
Rochester, Kent.
April 9.

Nectar supplies in perpetuity

From Mr John H. B. Rawson

Sir, May I, through your columns, make an appeal that when the current proposals for setting aside surplus arable land are initiated, adequate funds are made available for sowing the unused land with the seed of nectar-bearing plants.

On suitable soils, lucerne, sainfoin, white clover, bird's-foot trefoil, melilot, scabious, knapweed and heathers would all provide good supplies of nectar, not only for bees of all kinds, but for other insects, including butterflies and moths. Birds, too, could benefit indirectly as insect predators.

Seed for these plants must still be available. Indeed, one Hampshire farmer whom I know has maintained, year after year, the type of sainfoin once prevalent in his county, regarding himself as its custodian.

Nectar-bearing trees, such as maples, sycamore, cherry, lime, horse chestnut and sweet chestnut, could be planted on land intended to remain out of agricultural production for a long period.

Most of the above plants and trees are also beautiful. Walking amongst them would surely be considered by most members of the public to be a marvellous experience.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN H. B. RAWSON,
Wiltshire Downs Honey Farm,
Ugford, Wilton,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 14 1829

The following verses celebrate, fulsomely and abstrusely, the conclusion of one of the most contentious articles of legislation of the late 18th and early 19th centuries – Catholic emancipation. The Act received the Royal Assent on April 13. The Times had vigorously championed this cause – one deserving a more accomplished poet than "Anglicus"

THE THIRTEENTH OF APRIL, 1829

From grateful nations to assenting skies,
While shouts of joy, and hymns of concord rise;
While worthier bards, and lyres more sweetly strung,
Catch the glad accents from the Patriot's tongue.
In Wellesley's honour wreath the laurell'd verse,
The healing victories of Peace rehearse,
And in the Hero of an hundred plains
Hail the Avenger of his country's chains;
My unambitious Muse must leave awhile
The pomps that glitter, and the crowds that smile,
And from the honour'd living turn, to shed
One tear above the still remember'd dead.
Lo! as I speak, a shadowy train appears,
The wise and eloquent of other years . . .
Stateliest; and first of all that gifted throng,
With slow and measured tread, Pitt moves along,
Nor yet forgoes the aspect of command
That awed the spirits of a doubting land.
The lofty poet, the conscious glance of sway,
While to the patriot band, he points the way,
Accomplish'd views his own deferr'd intent,
Waves his proud arm, and nods his pleas'd assent.
See, on his steps a rival shade attend,
In all beside a foe; but here, a friend.
The Statesman of a vast, but gentle mind,
Champion of Freedom, Patron of Mankind;
Who claim'd for young America the right
For which she bent to sue, and rose to fight, –
Who chas'd Extortion from her Indian plain,
Who riv'd the links of Afric's tott'ring chain,
Who bade the groaning Universe be free;
Speak then, green Erin, – did he feel for thee?
And thou! whom still regen'rate nations bless, –
Whose worth our love, whose loss our tears confess, –
Leave, Canning, leave awhile thy long repose
From stormy greatness, and exalted woes;
Thou radiant, injur'd, vindicated shade!
Behold, the expiating rite is paid;
Thy fierce assailants check their keen career,
Thy life's last foes heap incense on thy bier;
Then let me pluck from Triumph's gaudy wreath
One cypress branch for thy cold corse beneath;
Oft has thy voice my fancy captive led;
I lov'd thee living; I adore thee dead;
And hail with thrilling pride, and added bliss,
Thy fame asserted by an hour like this.

ANGLICUS.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 13: The King of Norway this morning at Windsor Castle received High Commissioners of the Commonwealth Countries and Ambassadors in London.

His Majesty later visited the Imperial College of Science and Technology, South Kensington.

The King of Norway was entertained at luncheon by the Prime Minister on behalf of Her Majesty's Government at No.10 Downing Street.

This afternoon The King of Norway visited Westminster Abbey, where His Majesty laid a Wreath on the Grave of the Unknown Warrior.

The King of Norway subsequently met members of the Norwegian Community at the Norwegian Ambassador's Residence, *10 Palace Green, Kensington W8.*

The King of Norway was entertained at a Banquet this evening by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London at Guildhall.

The Princess Royal and Captain Mark Phillips were present.

Before the Banquet a Court of Common Council was held and His Majesty received an Address of Welcome.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning presented the 1988 British Design Awards and the 1988 Duke of Edinburgh's Designer's Prize at Princes Square, Buchanan Street, Glasgow.

His Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Mr. Robert Gray, the Right Hon. the Lord Provost).

The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited the Glasgow Garden Festival 1988 in Glasgow.

His Royal Highness, attended by Brigadier Clive Robertson, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Prince Edward this evening attended the annual dinner of the National Association of Youth and Community Education Officers at Hatfield House.

Captain William McLean was in attendance.

The Princess Royal and Captain Mark Phillips this morning opened the new Norsk Hydro Fertilizers Factory at Immingham.

Her Royal Highness and Captain Mark Phillips travelled in an aircraft of No. 32 Squadron, Royal Air Force, and were received upon arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Humberside (Mr. R. Anthony Bethell).

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 13: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Patron of London Festival Ballet, was present this evening at a gala performance of 'Swan Lake' held at the Alhambra Theatre, Bradford, *in aid of Bradford's* War on Cancer Appeal and London Festival Ballet School Appeal.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Yorkshire (The Lord Ingrow).

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by The Hon. Mrs. Whitehead.

YORK HOUSE
April 13: The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today opened the Machine Tool Trades Association's "Mach 88" Exhibition at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Captain Charles Page.

The Duke of Kent this evening attended the Diamond Jubilee Reception of the Royal British Legion Attendants Company at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, London SW1.

Captain Charles Page was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent today attended the Army Football Association's Centenary Cup Final at Aldershot, Hampshire.

Miss Sarah Partridge was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, President of Business in the Community, will be the host at a reception for representatives of Inner City Enterprise Agencies and business leaders at Kensington Palace at 6.30.

The Princess of Wales will open the Maltings Shopping Centre, St Albans, Hertfordshire, at 11.00.

The Princess Royal will present the Norah Stucken sixth annual Award for Achievement in Horticulture at a luncheon at Stationers' Hall at 12.45.

The Duke of Kent will present the "Young Engineer of the Year" award at the seventy-fifth anniversary celebrations of the Association of Consulting Engineers at the Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre at 6.00.

Birthdays today

Miss Julie Christie, actress, 48; Sir John Gielgud, CH, actor, 84; Mr Gerry Gillman, trade unionist, 61; Mr Ivor Guest, ballet writer, 68; Lord Hastings, 76; Major-General Cyril Lloyd, 82; Mr Julian Lloyd Webber, cellist, 37; Miss L.E.M. Mackie, former headmistress, City of London School for Girls, 62; Colonel R.A.A.S. Macrae, Lord Lieutenant of Orkney, 73; Baroness Masham of Ilton, 53; Mr P.G.A. Ramsay, former controller, BBC Scotland, 62; Dr J.M. Roberts, warden, Merton College, Oxford, 60; the Ven R.H. Roberts, former Chaplain of the Fleet, 57; Mr Rod Steiger, actor, 63; Sir Peter Thompson, chairman, National Freight Consortium, 60; Baroness Warnock, 64; Baroness Wootton of Abinger, CH, 91.

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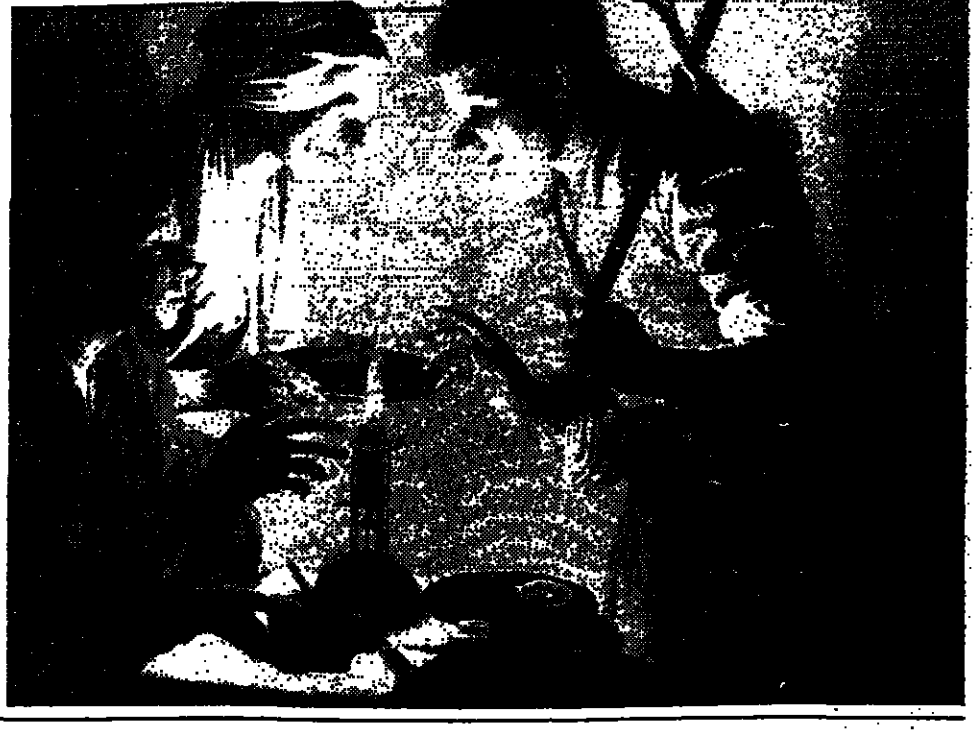

Hendrik Ter Brugghen, the most gifted of the Utrecht School of followers of Caravaggio, painted at least two versions of Esau Selling His Birthright, a detail of one of which is shown above.

Ter Brugghen bases the action of this painting very consciously around the candle, which forms a focus for the entire composition.

In the dark background, Isaac, unaware of the treachery that is unfolding, sleeps peacefully while, his elder son, Esau, sells his twin brother, Jacob, his birthright for a mess of pottage.Behind them both, haggard and toothless, stands their aged mother, Rebecca.

The use of light for an effect of silence and solemnity has seldom been better managed. The painting is to be seen in the Thyssen-Bornemisza collection of Old Masters, sponsored by *The Times* at the Royal Academy until June 12.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.G. de Zulueta and Miss S.E.P. Pritchard
The engagement is announced between Paul Gerald, son of the late Peter de Zulueta and of Viscountess Montgomery of Alamein, of Isington Mill, Alton, Hampshire, and Sue, only daughter of Dr and Mrs G.T. Pritchard, of the Old Mill House, Stanwell Moor.

Mr P.G. Monro and Miss P.L. Charlton
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Monro, and of the Hon Mrs Mary Monro, of Glencairn Crescent, Edinburgh, and Patricia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Charlton, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr A.J.D. Ellis and Miss N. de la C. de la Billière
The engagement is announced between Andrew Jeremy Dalrymple, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A.D. Ellis, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire, and Nicola de la Cour, elder daughter of Lieutenant-General Sir Peter and Lady de la Billière, of Aldershot, Hampshire.

Mr F.S. Farajallah and Miss C.M. Baker
The engagement is announced between Faraj Sany, elder son of the late Mr Sany Farajallah and Mrs Georges Yannich, of Beirut, Lebanon, and Caroline Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Baker, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

Mr B.M. Appleby and Miss H.L.H. Evans
The engagement is announced between Benedict Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Martin Appleby, of Newton Ferrers, Devon, and Harriet Lucilla Huntley, younger daughter of Mrs Rosalie Evans, of Blounce House, South Warnborough, Hampshire, and Mr Glyn Evans, of Chicago, United States.

Dr M.C. Clarvis and Miss J.A. Troake
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.E. Clarvis, of Enfield, Middlesex, and Julie, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Troake, of Street, Somerset.

Mr A.W.R. Cameron and Mrs P. Williams
The engagement is announced between Alexander William Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs Alex G. Cameron, of Glen Audlyn Lodge, Ramsey, Isle of Man, and Pamela, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard E. Goodyear, of Purley, Surrey.

Mr M.J. Cosans and Miss P.B.A. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of the late Mr F.J. Cosans and of Mrs Cosans, of Horsmonden, Kent, *and Bianca, daughter of Major* and Mrs D.L. Thomas, of 17 Cadogan Gardens, London SW3.

Mr J.E. Gillam and Miss S.K. Horne
The engagement is announced between James Edward, of Nantucket Island, Massachusetts, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Edward Gillum, Sr, of Nashville, Tennessee, United States, and Sarah Karen, only daughter of the late Major and Mrs *George Horne, of Ditchling,* Sussex.

Mr S.C. Harper and Miss A.L. Taylor-Lowen
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the late Mr R.C. Harper and of Mrs L. Harper, of Chislehurst, Kent, and Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Taylor-Lowen, of Barnes, London.

Mr G.E. Leckie and Miss Z.M. Hakim Rad
The engagement is announced between George, elder son of Drs G.G. and R.T. Leckie, of Chipstead, Surrey, and Ziba, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Hakim Rad, of Kingston, Surrey.

Mr R.G.N. McDonald and Miss D.N. Hafidh
The engagement is announced between Gregory, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.G. McDonald, *of Ovington Street, SW3,* and Dellal, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs N.A. Hafidh, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.

***Mr A.W. Mitchell* and Miss L.J. Grumitt**
The engagement is announced between Andrew William, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs W.H. Mitchell, of Francheville, *Grouville,* Jersey, and Laura Jane, daughter of the late Mr H.T.M. Grumitt and of Mrs Grumitt, of Brookhall, Trinity, Jersey.

Mr P. Mountain and Miss T.K. Foster
The engagement is announced between Paul, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R. Mountain, of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, and Theresa, youngest daughter of Professor and Mrs P.W. Foster, of Alderley Edge, Cheshire, previously of Tiverton, Devon.

Mr M. Speakman and Miss C. Greenish
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Speakman, of Sydney, Australia, and Caroline only daughter of Major John Greenish and Mrs Francis Perkins, of 34 Sloane Court West, London SW3.

Mr R.A. van Woerkom and Miss T.S.Battcock
The engagement is announced between Rem, younger son of Mr and Mrs van Woerkom, of West Wickham, Kent, and Tessa, younger daughter of the late Mr F.H. Battcock and of Mrs Battcock, of Bournemouth, Dorset.

Banquets and luncheons

Luncheon
Prime Minister
The King of Norway was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher at 10 Downing Street yesterday. The other guests were:
Mr Thorvald Stoltenberg, the Ambassador of Norway, Mr Magne Hagen, Mr Gunerius Flakstad, Brigadier Ole Christian Englund, Major Thomas Grant, Mr Jorg Willy Bronebakk, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, and Lady Howe, the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, and Mrs Hurd, the Hon George Younger, MP, the Hon Nicholas Ridley, MP, and Mrs Ridley, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, MP, Mr Cecil Parkinson, MP, and Mrs Parkinson, Lord Belstead, the Duchess of Roxburghe, Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, CH, Lord Somerleyton, Lord Chief Justice and Lady Lane, Dr John McKay, Mr Cranley Onslow, MP, and Lady June Onslow, Sir John and Lady Clark, Sir Hector and Lady Laing, Sir George and Lady Jefferson, Sir David and Lady Scholey, Mr Roger Moate, MP, and Mrs Moate, Mr Jim Wallace, MP, and Mrs Wallace, Captain and Mrs R R S Fisher, Mr David Howarth, Dr and Mrs Peter Addyman, Mr Richard Branson, Miss Joan Templeman, Mr and Mrs David Walker, Mr and Mrs Robin Esser, Sir Patrick and Lady Wright, Mr and Mrs J A Robson, Mr and Mrs Peter Levene, Lieutenant Commander Timothy Laurence, Mr and Mrs Charles Powell, Mr and Mrs Mark Addison.

Banquet
Corporation of London
The King of Norway was the guest of honour at a banquet given by the Lord Mayor and the Corporation of London at Guildhall last night.

The Princess Royal and Captain Mark Phillips attended. They were received by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies. Among others present were:
Mr Thorvald Stoltenberg, the Norwegian Ambassador, Mr Magne Hagen, Mr Gunerius Flakstad, Brigadier Ole Christian Englund, Major Thomas Gram; the High Commissioner for Tanzania and Mrs Nyaki, the Ambassador of Finland and Mrs Pastinen, the Ambassador of Switzerland and Mme Pictet, the Ambassador of Bolivia and Senora de Arauco-Paz, the Ambassador of Denmark and Mrs Dyvig, the Ambassador of Brazil, the Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland and Mrs O'Rourke, the High Commissioner for Bangladesh and Mrs Saifullah, the Lord Chamberlain, the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and Lady Richards, the Duke of Fife, the Earl and Countess of Dundee, Viscount Craigavon, Viscount and Viscountess Brentford, Lord and Lady Elton, Lord and Lady Mountevans, Lord and Lady Boardman, Lord and Lady Grimond, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and Lady Young of Graffham, Lord and Lady Marshall of Goring, the Lord Lieutenant of Greater London and Lady Bramall, the Secretary of State for Transport and Mrs Channon, the Paymaster General, Mrs Lynda Chalker, MP, Lady Alexandra Carnegie, the Hon William Waldegrave, MP, and Mrs Waldegrave, the First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff and Lady Staveley, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, representatives from the Norwegian Embassy, HM Forces, the Civil Service and City Institutions; Aldermen, Common Councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London and their ladies.

Luncheons
King's College Hospital
Lord Beaverbrook opened the Jeannie Hoskins Memorial Suite, donated by the Saints and Sinners Club of London, and the Owen Lewis Transplant Room at the Liver Unit of King's College Hospital on Tuesday. Mr Ned Sherrin, chairman of the club, presided at a luncheon held afterwards at the hospital. Lord Beaverbrook and Dr Roger Williams, Director of the Liver Unit, also spoke.

Mr Gerald Howarth, MP
Mr and Mrs Cecil Lewis were the principal guests at a luncheon at the House of Commons on Tuesday, April 12, 1988. Mr Gerald Howarth, MP presided. Other guests present were:
Mr Jack Aspinwall, MP, Mr Robert Atkins, MP, *Mr Michael Colvin,* MP, Mr Keith Mans, MP, Sir Hector Monro, MP, Mr Cranley Onslow, MP, Mr Bill Walker, MP, Mr Max Arthur, Mr Peter Brighton, Mr Alan Curtis, Air Marshal Sir John Curtiss, Mrs Gerald Howarth, Colonel David Malcolm, Mr and Mrs Don McClen, Mr Robert Pooley and Mr Ivan Yates

The British College of Optometrists
Dr Michael Wolffe, President of The British College of Optometrists, presided last night at a dinner at Worcester College, Oxford. *The guests included:*
Mr Philip Cox, QC, Chairman of the General Optical Council, Professor H. Dartnall, master of the Spectacle Makers Company and Professor Colin Blakemore

Dinner
Speaker
The Speaker gave a dinner last night in Speaker's House in honour of the President of the Methodist Conference, the Rev Dr William Davies. The guests were:
Mr Peter Archer, QC, MP, Sir Rhodes Boyson, MP, Mr Ernest Armstrong, Miss Hilary Armstrong, MP, Mr Alan Beith, MP, Mr Stuart Bell, MP, Dr John Blackburn, MP, Mr Paul Boateng, MP, Dr Jeremy Bray, MP, Mr Den Dover, MP, Mr Harry Greenway, MP, Mr Kenneth Hind, MP, Mr Stuart Randall, MP, Mr Barry Sheerman, MP, the Rev Lord Soper, Mr Michael Stern, MP, Mr Roger Stott, MP, Mr David Wilshire, MP, the Rev Brian Back, Mr D W Burrell and Mr Michael Taylor.

University news

Wales
University College of Swansea
GRANTS
Science and Engineering Research Council, British Steel Corporation: £86,588 to Mr J F Walson, Mr A Hooper and Dr G Thomas for a teaching company programme.

Laura Ashley Foundation: £60,000 to Dr D Evans for a post-doctoral fellowship in the philosophy of health care.

Auburn University: £84,000 to Dr A W Williams for photothermal studies of reactions at material interfaces.

EEC £298,000 to Professor J M Parry (biological sciences) for research on the genetic effects of environmental chemicals.

Exxon Chemicals: £98,479 to Dr B J Roylance to undertake research in the *field of piston film deposit phenomena* in diesel engine operation.

Rolls-Royce: £249,750 to Professor R Parker and Dr S A T Stoneman for research *on acoustic resonances* in axial flow compressors excited by vortex shedding

Sprayforming Developments: grants totalling £91,000 to Professor A R E Singer (materials engineering).

Wintech: £143,100 to Professor J M Marshall to support an electronic materials centre.

University of Bath
EEC: £106,740 to Dr M Greaves, School of Chemical Engineering, for research into in situ combustion processes for enhanced oil recovery.

British Gas: £24,918 to Dr J Brisdon, Dr R England and Dr A J Ashworth, School of Chemical Engineering and School of Chemistry, for research into polysiloxane membrane materials.

Science and Engineering Research Council, £14,810 to Dr T C Gallagher and Dr S J Wonnacott, School of Chemistry and School of Biological Sciences, for research into chemical probes for the neuronal nicotinic acetylcholine receptor.

EEC £69,587 to *Professor R Ilsley,* School of Humanities and Social Science, for research *into* care delivery systems for the elderly.

Schools news

Llandovery College
Summer Term begins today. Dr Brinley Jones, whose portrait will be unveiled on Saturday, May 7, has been succeeded as Warden by Dr Claude Evans. Exeat will be from Friday, May 27 to Wednesday, 1 June and term ends with speech day on Saturday, July 2.

Durham School
The following Awards are announced for September 1988:
King's Scholarships: G.S. Robertshaw (Ferens House, Durham School); J.A. Thicknes (Ascham House, Newcastle); M.J. Osborne (Ferens House, Durham School); R.M.S. Weston (Bow School, Durham); M.W. Pearson (The Chorister School, Durham)
Exhibitions: N.C.T. Taylor (The Chorister School, Durham); P.G. Fulton (Hurworth House School, Darlington); *M.J. Morton (Bow School, Durham);* M.O. Edmundson (Tonstall School, Sunderland); R.M. Scragg (Bow School, Durham); J.M.W. Taylor (The Chorister School, Durham); R.W. Malone (Tonstall School, Sunderland).
Music Scholarships: P.M. Clarkson (Birkdale School, Sheffield); C.D. Elliott (The Chorister School, Durham).
Music Exhibitions: N.M. Selby (Ferens House, Durham School); B.D.W. Ellis (Ferens House, Durham School); S.G. Langdon (Ferens House, Durham School).
Art Scholarship: C.D. Elliott (The Chorister School, Durham).
Art Exhibition: N.H.A. Cook (Ferens House, Durham School).
Burkitt Scholarships: Lucinda A. Hale (Polam Hall School, Darlington); Alasdair M. Green (Boroughbridge High School)
Music Exhibition: Catherine M. Logan (St George's School, Edinburgh).

Felsted School
The following awards have been made on the results of the 1988 scholarship examinations:
Academic Scholarships: J.M.L. Martin (Felsted); P.A. Boulton (Alleyn Court); R.L. Penistan (Felsted); J.C. Miller (Alleyn Court); B.A. Parker (Widford Lodge); C. Smith (Felsted); C.A. Spiers (Felsted); N.J. Medcroft (Widford Lodge); R. Jenner (Alleyn Court).
Courtauld Scholarship for Classics: P.A. Boulton (Alleyn Court).
Art Scholarships: C.A. Spiers (Felsted), T.L. Downing (Felsted).
Music Scholarships: A.D. Marsh (Felsted); I.M. Paulyn (Felsted). Both honorary awards.
Cuthbert Heath Bursaries: S. Edwards (Felsted); M.W. Wood (Beechwood Park).

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Ortelius, cartographer of the first atlas, Antwerp, 1527; Christian Huygens, physicist, The Hague, 1629; William *Henry Bentinck,* 3rd Duke of Portland, prime minister 1783, 1807-09, Bulstrode, Buckinghamshire, 1738.
DEATHS: Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick (The Kingmaker), killed at the Battle of Barnet, 1471; James Hepburn, 4th Earl of Bothwell, husband of Mary Queen of Scots, Dragsholm, Denmark, 1578; George Frederic Handel, London, 1759; William Whitehead, Poet Laureate 1757-85, London, 1785; Thomas Wright, prison philanthropist, Manchester, 1875; Louis Henri Sullivan, architect, Chicago, 1924; Vladimir Mayakovsky, novelist and dramatist, committed suicide, Moscow, 1930; Ernest Bevin, trade union leader, Foreign Secretary 1945-51, London, 1951; Frederic March, actor, Los Angeles, 1975.

Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth in Washington; he died the following day, 1865.

OBITUARY

ITHELL COLQUHOUN

Artist of fantasy

Ithell Colquhoun, who died in Cornwall on April 11 at the age of 81, was a survivor of the British Surrealist movement of the 'thirties. She was part of the Salute to *British Surrealism* held in London three years ago.

Born at Shillong in Assam, India, she came to this country in infancy and was educated at Cheltenham College. Although she studied at the Slade School of Fine Art under Henry Tonks and Randolph Schwabe, and studied privately in Paris and Athens, she always regarded herself as a largely self-taught artist.

Her first solo show was at the Cheltenham Municipal Gallery in 1936, followed by one with the Fine Art Society: *Exotic Plant Decorations.*

During the war she married the writer Tony del Renzio, publisher of the surrealist magazine *Arson.*

A multi-talented person, she was a poet and author as well as painter. She was also a student of the occult and alchemy, of Celtic lore, language and mythology.

She settled in Cornwall after her marriage ended in divorce in the late 'forties, living first in Lamorna Valley, a period which supplied her with the material for her book on the county and its people: *The Living Stones* (1957). She later moved to a studio in the village of Paul where she lived and worked for almost 30 years.

Her poems, stories and essays, among them *The Mantic Stain,* which was the first published account in English of the surrealist automatic processes, appeared in journals in this country, France and Belgium. She was also author of the Gothic novel *Goose of Hermogenes* (1961) and *Sword of Wisdom* (1975), a detailed study of MacGregor Mathers and the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn.

She exhibited widely throughout this country and abroad, and a major retrospective show of her work — "a tribute to her 40 years' involvement with surrealism" — was mounted by the Newlyn Orion Galleries in Cornwall in 1976. This exhibition included the canvas "Scylla", *painted in 1938, afterwards* purchased by the Tate Gallery for its permanent collection.

Ithell Colquhoun's exploration of the world of fantasy, the twilight world of dreams, in prose, poetry and paint, did not make life easy for her. Something of a mystic, a disciple of Dada, she was often misunderstood, but her commitment to her work was total.

DR LIONEL GOLDFARB

Dr Lionel Goldfarb, Reader in Theoretical Physics at Manchester University, died on April 10, at the age of 61. He made major contributions to the theory of nuclear reactions.

In the mid-1960s he wrote, with Dr P. J. A. Buttle, a seminal paper on neutron transfer in heavy ion reactions which made a significant impact even outside the world of physics.

Goldfarb, a Canadian by birth, was a gifted student. He went to McGill University at the young age of sixteen and graduated in applied mathematics when he was twenty. Later he took his doctorate at Rochester, in the United States.

In 1955, after a couple of years with an oil company, he went to Manchester to join Professor L. Rosenfeld in the theoretical physics section of the physics department, and there he remained for the rest of his academic life.

Two years later, his reputation was secured by his classic article, with Professor Samuel Devons, on angular correlations, in the *Handbuch der Physik.*

In the early 1960s Goldfarb realized that some of the uncertainties which had been plaguing his experiments in nuclear transfer reactions could be minimized if the work was done at much lower temperatures.

He worked out the theory during a term's leave of absence in 1964 and returned to Manchester to preach the gospel.

Goldfarb was a quiet and modest man. He had the theoretician's distaste for the excessive use of computers, although he was gradually persuaded of their usefulness. In his work he always sought the physical principles involved.

His wife, Jean, whom he married in 1953, survives him *with their two sons.*

AIR VICE-MARSHAL H. H. BROOKES

Air-Vice Marshal H. H. Brookes, CB, CBE, DFC, who has died at Port Alfred, South Africa, at the age of 83, served during the Second World War as a bomber pilot, fighter controller and staff officer. Later in his career he held senior flying training appointments at home and in Rhodesia.

Hugh Hamilton Brookes was born in the Andaman Islands and was educated at Bedford School, after which he went to Cranwell.

His early RAF career was substantially in bombers, though he did have a spell with the RAF's armoured car companies in Iraq, where he also had an intelligence job.

In the 1930s he was lent to the Army for a year, as a staff officer, and he did test flying at the Experimental Establishment at Martlesham.

During the war he commanded some of the early Blenheim formations in the Western Desert, and was then sent to the operations room of the fighter unit which was overseeing the not wholly successful experiment of installing catapult-launched fighters in merchant ships, for convoy defence.

Further wartime appointments included command of a bomber wing in West Africa; command of RAF Breighton, Yorkshire; and a senior staff job with No 7 Bomber Group.

After the war he found himself back in Iraq as CO of RAF Habbaniya, and he stayed on to become Senior Air Staff Officer in Iraq. Among his later appointments were AOC Rhodesian Air Training Group; AOC 25 Group Flying Training Command; and AOC Levant Middle East Air Force.

Retiring from the RAF, he went to Rhodesia, where he served in the police. He eventually retired to South Africa.

He leaves his widow and daughter.

MR MICHAEL VARVILL

Mr Michael Varvill, CMG, who did much to develop the ports of Nigeria during the last years of colonial rule, died on April 12, aged 78.

Educated at Marlborough and New College, Oxford, he joined the Colonial Service in 1932. One of his incidental achievements in provincial administration in Northern Nigeria, he claimed, was to build up a first rate soccer team in Kontagora.

During the war he served on the Governor's staff, then returned to London on secondment to the Colonial Office, and to spend a year at Cambridge as tutor to a large intake of ex-Servicemen as administrative cadets.

Back in post-war Nigeria he showed his ability to adapt to pressures for self-determination and economic *development.* He moved to Lagos, in charge of the Federal Ministry of Transport, with particular responsibility for ports and for developing the River Niger to cope with enormously increased use as a commercial waterway.

On retiring from the Service in 1960 he joined the board of the G. Bell & Sons, educational publishers.

He was a bachelor.

FRITZ H. LANDSHOFF

Fritz H. Landshoff, who died in the Netherlands on March 30, aged 86, was once joint owner of Gustav Kiepenheuer, a Potsdam house that published the work of many leftist writers in Weimar Germany, including Brecht, Heinrich Mann, Arnold Zweig and Lion Feuchtwanger.

He moved to Amsterdam in 1933, where he founded a literary magazine for exiled writers.

After the German invasion of the Netherlands, he went to the United States and founded L. B. Fischer with Gottfried Bermann-Fischer.

He was instrumental in publishing Thomas Mann's diaries.

Sr José Maria Aguirre Gonzalo, former president of the Banco Español de Credito (BANESTO), one of the so-called "Big Seven" private Spanish banks, died on April 7 in Madrid. He was 90.

NICOLA BENOIS

Nicola Benois, scenic artist, who has died in Italy, at the age of 87, was the son of the eminent St Petersburg stage designer Alexandre Benois and a cousin of the artist Nadia Benois (mother of Peter Ustinov).

He spent most of his life in Milan, working at La Scala, whose chief designer he was for nearly forty years. During that time his output exceeded 200 sets and costume designs.

His work abroad, on both sides of the Atlantic, included the décor for London Festival Ballet's *Esmeralda* in 1954, and for two operas — *Il Trovatore* and *Nabucco* — for the Montreal Expo of 1967.

His second wife, the singer Disma De Cecco, survives him.

Apeles Fenosa, a Catalan sculptor of the Paris School, died on March 25, aged 88.

After studying in Barcelona he moved to Paris, where he met Picasso, who became his mentor.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

PERSONAL COLUMNS

And thou, child shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways...
St Luke 1:76

BIRTHS

ATTWOOD - On March 29th, to Sally (née Kemp) and Paul, a daughter, Sophie Louise, a sister for Cathryn Megan.

BAYLEY - On Good Friday, April 1st, to Gail and Trevor, a son and heir, Lawrence Bertram Spencer.

BROWNE - On April 12th, at the Princess Anne wing, Royal United Hospital Bath, to Fiona (née White) and Tim, a daughter Madeleine Louise Venner, a sister for James.

BURSTAL - On April 8th, to Sally (née Wilson) and John, a son, Freddy George Edward, a brother for Henry.

COLLIER - On April 11th, in Hong Kong to Jane (née Furber) and Paul, a daughter Claire Elizabeth.

COMSTOCK - On April 10th, to Alison and Larry, a daughter, Alexandra Alden, a sister for Courtney.

CROSLAND-TAYLOR - On April 9th, to Carlene (née Keen) and Nicholas, a daughter, Elizabeth Anne, a sister to Christopher.

EDGERLEY - On April 1st, to Jane (née Humphreys) and Robert, a son, James, a brother for Daniel, Thomas and Paul.

EVELEIGH - On April 8th, to Nicola (née Hodder) and David, a daughter Natalie Jane, a sister for Justin.

FITZGEORGE-BALFOUR - On April 12th, to Patricia and Robin in Hong Kong, a son.

HAMILTON-ELY - On April 9th 1988, to Sarah (née Rothwell) and Edward, a daughter, Natasha Louise.

JOHNSON - On April 2nd, to Simonetta (née Barber) and Rupert, a son, Patrick.

JURY - On April 11th, at Kingston Hospital, to Anna (née Crouch) and Jeremy, a son, Thomas Michael.

LAWRENSON - On April 9th, to Graham and Jacquie, a son, Oscar William Andrés.

McGRATTY - On March 29th, to Peggy and Richard, a son, Joseph Arik, a brother to Jessica.

MORE - On April 13th, in Geelong, Australia, to Joanna (Cherry) and Roger, a son.

NELSEY - On March 30th 1988, to Claire (née Dallison) and Michael, a daughter, Victoria Helen.

NIVISON - On March 25th 1988, to Caroline (née James) and Angus, of Walcha N.S.W., a son, Charles Francis.

OLDMAN - On April 13th, to Helen (née Gifford) and John, a daughter, Lucy Helen, a sister for Caroline, Joanna and Nicola.

TAMLYN - On April 11th, to Beverley (née Starkey) and Greg, a son, a brother for Lara.

THEAKSTON - On April 11th, at Harrogate, to Candy (née Gill) and Simon, a daughter Fenella Margaret Mary, a sister for William.

WAUD - On April 12th, to Deirdre (née Ward) and Christopher Lionel, a daughter Lucinda Rachel Alice, a sister for Juliet.

MARRIAGES

ANDERSON:GREGORY - On April 7th, in London, James son of Mr John and Lady Gillian Anderson to Emily, daughter of the late Viscount Astor and Philippa Viscountess Astor.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

PARKINSON - On the 14th of April, 1938, Nigel and Pamela were married.

DEATHS

ANTILL - On April 12th, Walter Samuel 'Bill', aged 96 years. Beloved husband of the late Cicely, formerly of Lymington, Sheffield and Kobe. Funeral at St. George's Church, Woodsetts, nr Worksop on Monday 18th April at 1.30 pm.

BOYCE - On April 10th, 1988, Leslie Boyce C.M.G., M.C., of Toowoomba, Queensland.

BOYLE - On April 8th, at Fordingbridge Infirmary, peacefully in his 84th year, Charles Harry, much loved husband and great grandfather, late of N.Z.S.C.O. and A.A.F.A. Funeral at Cranborne on Monday April 18th at 2.30pm. Enquiries to: N. O'Hara Funeral Services Wimborne. Donations to Cancer related charities.

CHATAWAY - On April 12th, 1988, peacefully at home, Margaret Pritchard, widow of Denys Chataway, much loved mother of Christopher, Michael, Susan and John. Funeral service St George's Church, West Grinstead, Saturday April 16th, 11am. Family flowers only.

CULVERWELL - On April 11th, in Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds, Mollie in her 83rd year, much loved by her relations and friends and all who knew her. Funeral Service at Ipswich Crematorium on 15th April at 1.00pm. No flowers but instead, if desired, donations to Dr. Barnardo's.

CURTIS - On April 12th 1988, Maurice Henry, formerly of Checkendon. Private Cremation. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired to: The Parkinson's Disease Society, 36 Portland Place, London W1N 3DG. All enquiries to: C.H. Lovegrove, 114-116 Oxford Road, Reading. 0734 572016.

DAVID - On April 5th 1988, Nesta Ida, aged 77 years, daughter of the late Major and Mrs E. Ivor David of Cardiff. Funeral at Thornhill Crematorium (Cardiff) 3.30pm on Tuesday April 19th. No flowers please but donations may be sent to the R.N.L.I. Windsor Lane, Cardiff.

DAVIES - On April 7th 1988, suddenly in Portugal, Dilwyn John aged 56. Beloved husband of Anne and devoted father of Penelope, Alison, Amanda, Nicholas and Sara. Funeral Service 15th April at 11.30, Coity Church, Bridgend. Followed by cremation at Coity Crematorium at 12 noon. A kind man who will be sadly missed.

DECK - On April 13th, 1988, peacefully at Transview, Dunfermline, Eleanor Mungal, beloved wife of the late William Deck OBE JP. A much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service to be held at Dunfermline Crematorium on Saturday 16th April 1988, at 10.45am; to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please.

de la MARE - On April 13th, aged 68, following a long illness, James Renton, brother of Julia, father of Paul. Uncle of Finoula and Christina and friend Valerie, Louisa and Alvaro.

ELLERINGTON - On April 11th, at home in London, Alice, aged 93 years. Will be sadly missed by her two sons Dan and Guy and her family and numerous friends around the world. Funeral private.

GARBAT - On April 11th, after a brief illness Andre beloved wife of Julien dearly loved mother of Gilly and wonderful granny of Timothy and Louise. Funeral service at St Michaels Church, Chester Sq. SW1 at 3.30pm on Monday April 18th. Private cremation, family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign Headquarters, 2 Carlton House Terrace, SW1Y 5AR.

GARSIDE - On April 12th, sadly and suddenly, Richard Murray Garside, beloved husband of Jane and father of John, Charles and William. Funeral Service at Ross Parish Church on Tuesday 19th April at 11.00 am. Family flowers only please.

HAMILTON - On April 11th peacefully at home, Geoffrey Cadzow Hamilton C.B.E., aged 71 of Hong Kong and Keston, Kent. Cremation at Beckenham Crematorium at 1.00 pm on Wednesday April 20th. Flowers and enquiries to J & R Kilick, 112 High Street, West Wickham.

HARTLEY - On April 11th, after a long illness, Robert Eastwood aged 41 years. Funeral and Burial on Monday April 18th at 11am at St. Peter's Church, Coggeshall. Enquiries to: 0376 61424.

LICKFOLD - On April 10th, Digby John, Lieutenant Commander Royal Navy (Retd). Beloved husband of Mary and father of Vivien, Gail, Robert and Carol. Funeral at St. Faith's Church, Lee-on-Solent, Wednesday 20th April, 2.00pm. Family flowers only, donations to Jim Bolsam's Leukaemia Fund.

HAVERGAL - On Tuesday April 12th, 1988, in an aircraft accident in South Africa, Henry Arthur Robert Havergal, beloved son of Malcolm and Fiona and brother of Louise.

LONGMAN - On April 11th, peacefully after a long illness, bravely fought, Edna Elsie aged 81, widow of Martin H Longman and dearly loved mother of David and Janet (Owen), Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Funeral Service on Tuesday April 19th at 2.00pm St Paul's Church, Brackley Rd, Beckenham. Followed by Cremation. Enquiries and floral tributes to Francis Chappell & Sons, 238 High St. Beckenham, Kent. 01-650 0304.

PINTO - On April 10th 1988, after a short illness, David Joseph RIP. Funeral to take place on Wednesday April 20th 1988 at North East Surrey Crematorium at 11.00am.

RANKIN - On April 12th, peacefully at Whitchanger Nursing Home, Haslemere, Edith, aged 92 years. Widow of Major General H.C.D. Rankin, C.I.E., O.B.E., R.A.M.C. Beloved mother of Tony and Ian, loving grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral at St. James's Church, Rowledge, April 18th at 2.30 pm, followed by cremation at Aldershot Crematorium.

REDPATH - On April 8th, aged 80 years Dr Douglas Redpath after a long illness borne with great patience. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral today Thursday. Service at St Andrews Church, Gargrave, near Skipton, North Yorkshire at 12.45pm prior to cremation at Skipton Crematorium. Friends please meet at the Church. Family flowers only please. Donations will be received at Church or care of Howcrofts Funeral Services, Duckett Street, Skipton BD23 2EJ, for the British Heart Foundation.

RICKETT - On April 11th 1988, peacefully at home, Brian Edward aged 77 years. Dearly beloved husband of Diana. Funeral service at Easthampstead Park Crematorium, Nine Mile Ride, Wokingham, Berks, Friday 15th April at 2.30 pm. Enquiries and flowers to David Greedy, Tel 0344 773741.

RISSO-GILL - On April 6th, peacefully at home, Nancy. Funeral service at St. Margaret's Putney Park Lane, London SW15 at 11.00 am on Tuesday April 19th. Enquiries to G. Gamble and Sons, 601 Fulham Road, SW6. Tel: 01 385 7626.

SHAW - On April 5th 1988, at Newton Stewart Hospital aged 92 years, Sarah E. Howitt of Airyolland Croft, Port William, Wigtownshire. Beloved wife of the late Reverend Edric. H. Shaw.

STOTHERT - On April 11th 1988, at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Judy (Joan), beloved aunt of the Stothert family. Funeral Friday April 15th at Woking St John's Crematorium, Hermitage Road, Woking at 3pm. Enquiries and flowers to F.W. Chitty & Co Ltd, Weybridge 0932 842220.

SWAMINATHAN - On April 10th, suddenly at Oxford, Malati, late of Oxford, sister of Bharati (Bette) Venkateswaran of Arlington, Virginia and Vasanti Neelakantan of Atlanta, Georgia. Funeral Service at St. John's Chapel, Oxford Crematorium at 3.30pm on Friday April 15th. No flowers but donations to: The Save The Children Fund. Enquiries to: Co-Operative Funeral Directors, Tel. Oxford 777072.

TOWER - On April 12th, peacefully at The Knowle, Barcombe, Lewes, Sussex, James Tower, memorial service at Spithurst Church, Barcombe on April 20th at 12 noon.

VARVILL - On April 12th 1988, peacefully in the Westminster Hospital, Michael Hugh, C.M.G. aged 78. Only child of the late Bernard and Maude Varvill. Funeral at Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield Sussex, on April 21st, at 11.30 am.

WESTON - On April 9th, peacefully in hospital, Geoffrey, aged 86 Much loved husband of the late Kathleen Weston, and loving father of Michael, Clare, Christopher and Barbara and devoted grandfather. Requiem Mass at the Church of The Holy Family, Reigate, at 10 am, on Monday 18th April, followed by private burial.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ALTOUNYAN - A service of thanksgiving for the life of Dr. Roger Edward Collingwood Altounyan who died on December 10th 1987, will be held at 2.15 pm on Friday May 6th at Emmanuel Parish Church, Forest Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

BLOCK - Robert Carlton and Else Olga. A Memorial and Thanksgiving at 2.30pm on Friday 15th April at St. Laurence's Church, The Moor, Hawkhurst, Kent.

MUIR - A Memorial Sevice for Cicely Cassandra Muir will be held at 12 noon on Friday April 22nd at St. Peter ad Vincula, Wisborough Green, Sussex.

WHITEMAN - A Memorial service will be held at All Souls Church, Hearsal Common, Coventry on Wednesday April 27th at 11.30am for Bill Whiteman of Kenilworth Warwickshire who died in Thailand on holiday on March 19th. Donations to British Heart Foundation sent to The Head Office, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1.

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IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

JOHNSON - The Service of Remembrance for Sir Henry Johnson K.B.E. will be held at St. Marylebone Parish, Marylebone Road, London NW1 on Friday, April 29th 1988 at 2.30pm.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF A PRE-INQUIRY MEETING INTO APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENTS TO CONSTRUCT A PRESSURISED WATER REACTOR NUCLEAR POWER STATION AND RELATED TRANSMISSION LINE REALIGNMENTS AT HINKLEY POINT IN SOMERSET

1. The Central Electricity Generating Board (the applicant) has applied under Section 2 of the Electric Lighting Act 1909, as amended, to the Secretary of State for Energy for his consent to construct a PWR nuclear power station of about 1200 MW, to be known as Hinkley Point 'C', on the existing power station site at Hinkley Point in Somerset. Notice of the application was published in September 1987.

2. The applicant has also applied under Section 10(b) of the Schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899, as amended, to the Secretary of State for Energy for his consent to realign the final span of each of the Hinkley Point - Melksham and Hinkley Point - Taunton double circuit 400kV overhead transmission lines at Hinkley Point aforesaid. Notice of this application was published in October 1987.

3. The Secretary of State has decided that a Public Inquiry should be held into these applications under Section 34 of the Electricity Act 1957, and has appointed Mr Michael Barnes QC as Inspector to conduct the Inquiry on his behalf.

4. The Electricity Generating Stations and Overhead Lines (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1987 will apply to the Public Inquiry.

5. In accordance with Rule 5(2) thereof The Secretary of State has served notice of statements indicating

(i) that on the information so far available to him the following economic, safety, environmental and planning matters are likely to be relevant to his consideration of the Section 2 application for the Power Station.
  (1) the applicant's requirement for the power station (particularly in the light of Government policy as set out in the Secretary of State's written Parliamentary answer of 17 December 1987 (Off cols 639-640) and in the White Paper "Privatising Electricity" (Cm 322) presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State in February 1988, in particular paragraphs 44 to 49);
  (2) the safety features of the design, construction and operation of the station, taking into account the conclusions on the safety of the Sizewell B PWR contained in the report of Sir Frank Layfield QC and the views of the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, as representing the Health and Safety Executive (the licensing authority);
  (3) the on-site management of radioactive waste arising from the station and radioactive discharges from the station to the environment in the light of the views of the authorising Departments; and
  (4) the implications of the proposed development (including construction, operation and decommissioning) for:
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    (b) the local economy including employment;
    (c) water supply and disposal;
    (d) transport requirements;
    (e) coast protection and sea defences;
    (f) housing and public services generally;
    (g) local amenities and in particular areas of special landscape value or nature conservation interest;
    (h) emergency arrangements.

(ii) that on the information so far available to him the following matters are likely to be relevant to his consideration of the Section 10(b) application for the transmission line re-alignment namely:-
the implications of the proposed development for agriculture and local amenities

6. The Inspector will hold a first Pre-inquiry meeting in the Main Hall of the Somerset College of Agriculture and Horticulture at Cannington, Somerset commencing at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday 1 June 1988 and continuing on Thursday and Friday 2 and 3 June 1988 if so required. Any person who wishes to attend may do so.

7. If necessary a second pre-inquiry meeting will be held in July. Arrangements are being made for the main inquiry to commence early in October 1988 and formal notice of this including the Inquiry Venue will be given in due course.

8. The Code of Practice "Electricity Generating Stations and Overhead Lines - Preparing for Major Inquiries in England and Wales" will apply to the inquiry process.

9. Anyone interested in participating in the Inquiry should, unless he has already done so, obtain a copy of the code of practice and a registration form from the following address:-

Mr S. Taylor
Department of Energy
Room 1564
Thames House South
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SW1P 4QJ.

10. Copies of the applications for the consents to construct the proposed station and the transmission line realignments together with plans showing the land to which they relate are available for inspection at the offices of the following:-

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THE ARTS

David Robinson reviews the film version of an "unfilmable" love story, played out against the background of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968

At long last, love

A dogged couple: Juliette Binoche, Daniel Day-Lewis and 'Karenin' in *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*

CINEMA

The Unbearable Lightness of Being (18)
Empire 1

Bernadette (U)
Cannon Première, Swiss Centre

Bellman and True (15)
Screen on the Hill, Cannons Tottenham Court Road, Panton Street

Philip Kaufman, whose previous films have included *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* and *The Right Stuff*, deserves credit for sheer courage in undertaking **The Unbearable Lightness of Being**. Milan Kundera's admired 1984 novel has generally been regarded, not unreasonably, as unfilmable.

Moreover it requires the film maker to involve his audience with a very distinctive European society and temperament, and with historical events which happened 20 years ago, and even then engaged the Western media and public for only a matter of weeks. To compound everything, Kaufman has had to recreate the Golden City of Prague in Switzerland and France; and to use a multi-national cast who all affect a (more or less) uniform Czech accent.

The significance of the title is that everything in life happens only once, without rehearsal or repetition. Kaufman and his writer, Jean-Claude Carrière, have respected Kundera's insistence that his book is about love and self-realization and ambiguity, and not a dissident emigré's attack on the misdeeds committed in the name of communism. It is "an erotic love story into which tanks intrude".

Carrière has simplified Kundera's complex time structure into three distinct acts of equal length. The first is set in the Czech Spring of 1968, and shows the hero, Tomas (Daniel Day-Lewis), a young surgeon, as an inveterate womanizer, chasing sex but systematically evading the involvement of love. His most regular mistress, Sabina (Linda Olin), also shirks emotional ties; but a pretty country girl, Tereza (Juliette Binoche), overcomes Tomas's reluctance, moves in and then marries him — only to suffer bitterly from his incorrigible philandering.

The second act (and the second of the film's three hours) begins with the Soviet invasion. Tomas, Tereza and Sabina emigrate to Geneva. Sabina moves on to America to avoid a new emotional threat; and Tereza flees back to Czechoslovakia to avoid dependence on Tomas. Tomas, to his own surprise, follows her. Back in Prague they become victims of the prevailing paranoia and persecution, and Tomas is sacked from his hospital and made to work as a window cleaner.

In the final act they escape to the countryside, where a brief spell of carefree bucolic living (before a fatalistic ending) awakens Tomas to the happiness of real love. This final hour, with its more deliberate dramatization, is the most concentrated and successful section of the film. The previous acts seem at times interminable.

Daniel Day-Lewis, on whom the main weight of the film is thrust, comes into his own only in this final part. Previously, while gamely working at his accent, he gives a somewhat posturing and self-conscious performance that cannot altogether be explained away by the similar qualities in the character he plays.

Juliette Binoche, on the contrary, is outstanding as the developing Tereza, with a whimsical, tentative quality that might belong to one of the girls in Milos Forman's Czech films of the Sixties. Lena Olin's Sabina, who wears an ancient bowler hat as a sexual fetish, seems rather more like the *kitsch* heroines of Vera Chytilova's *Daisies*, from the same era.

Thanks in no small degree to Sven Nykvist's photography, the recreation of the place and period, and the combination of new material and old actuality of the Soviet invasion, are *tours de force*.

Taking his cue from the deathbed exhortation of Bernadette of Lourdes — "the less one says about me the better" — the octogenarian Jean Delannoy has set out in **Bernadette** to make an unaffected simple hagiography, based on the recorded facts about the peasant girl who was to become the most commercially exploitable saint in the calendar.

There is none of the lush romance of Hollywood's 1943 *The Song of Bernadette*. The child's family are shown in realistic poverty; and her visions are matter-of-fact broad daylight affairs, without lighting effects or heavenly choirs. The most interesting scenes are Bernadette's interrogations by a succession of sceptical and cynical officials, each in turn outfaced by her modest common sense and unshakeable insistence on her truth.

It is interesting and occasionally moving, but uninspired. The American baby star, Sydney Penny, is a shade too pretty and healthy and professionally seasoned for the title role.

Bellman and True, adapted from a novel by Desmond Lowden, who also collaborated on the screenplay with the director Richard Loncraine, revives the bank heist thriller genre, with obvious glances at the Brink's Mat affair.

The heist does not have enough originality, nor the psychological intrique enough substance, to justify the length of the film; and the grubby camerawork, wandering narrative and unrealistic, pseudo-literary dialogue have all very much the look of television series drama.

Jeremy Kingston meets Maggie Steed, Beatrice in the RSC's *Much Ado About Nothing*

Rita Moon goes to Stratford

Irony and aplomb: Maggie Steed

She strides across the carpet towards a sofa. She could pace the balcony in *Private Lives* with aplomb. You can imagine her wrapping herself in furs and sailing off to reign over 17th Century Sweden.

Maggie Steed's own wrap is a fake fur, smothered with pink and turquoise spots, that suggests a cross between a self-assured leopard and a tropical fish. "It's a very shy animal," she points out. "Hunters hardly ever find one."

Presumably the aura of confidence, as much as her height, is what brought mature characters within her range from early days. Her most recent role has been Gertrude in the RSC's touring production of *Hamlet*, travelling the country with *A Comedy of Errors* throughout last winter.

"I hadn't been on the road for 10 years, since touring with Belt and Braces, one of the groups that started off in the Seventies. We used to bump into each other in motorway 'caffs' at three o'clock in the morning on the way back from Hull, or Bridlington or something. 7:84 and Joint Stock, Monstrous Regiment.

"This time was bound to be different. I mean, we had a 500-seater auditorium. We had all the props, all the costumes, all the music.

"In every way it was an absolutely tremendous tour, because you go to places that don't have theatres, that aren't near theatres. And you are packed every night, with people who are really enthusiastic about seeing Shakespeare.

"It's very moving. People drive 40 miles twice in one week to see two different Shakespeare plays and say, 'Oh, you've been the high spot of the last four months for us.' And I thought, 'I remember . . . I remember why I wanted to do theatre.' "

That decision was taken way back in her Plymouth childhood. "I don't know when, really. I'm one of those people who can't remember when they didn't want to do it. I used to write plays, adapt *Alice in Wonderland*, so as to be able to speak the words.

"There was an embarrassing occasion once: I used to stay up very late at nights when I was about, I don't know, 11 or 12, and sit on the windowsill and look out of the window and read poetry.

"And the woman across the road, apparently it woke her up one night and she said, 'Oh,' she said, 'Mrs Baker,' — my name's Baker — 'Mrs Baker, I heard this terrible booming noise the other night. I looked out and it was your Margaret sitting in the window, reading poetry into the night.' "

Night-time poetry recitals led to school plays. "But it was a girls' school, so I only acted boys: Romeo, Richard of Bordeaux, Toad of Toad Hall. All chaps. I didn't know if I could play girls till I went to drama school."

Girls she has managed on stage since then have included Adelaide in *Guys and Dolls*, Livia in *Can't Pay, Won't Pay*. When she was playing a tempestuous Rita Moon in ITV's *Shine On, Harvey Moon*, one of her fellow actors was Clive Merrison, her current Benedick. "So we know each other, we're old mates, and that's good."

Rather like Beatrice and Benedick, in fact? "That's right. There's an indication that they've had some sort of thing before.

"But the play is all so wonderful, so great. It would be awful if it just stayed a comedy. Not awful, but a shame. The play just plunges into tragedy. And there's no cheating in it, because structurally he's introduced Dogberry and Verges, who are our good men and are going to get us through in the end. He doesn't have to cheat."

Fast and finely danced

DANCE

Swan Lake
Alhambra, Bradford

BILL COOPER

Seductive, swift and strong in movement: Susan Hogard as Odile

Natalia Makarova's new *Swan Lake* for London Festival Ballet, although based on her traditional Russian upbringing, will be remembered chiefly as a streamlined version, perhaps the first to rely on new technology for its staging.

She has decided to concentrate entirely on the classical aspects of the choregraphy. Gone are all the stylized folk dances from the third scene; gone too are Siegfried's tutor, and the jester who infests most Russian productions, and with them the comic duet from Scene I goes, also.

The designs by Gunther Schneider-Siemsson reinforce this approach. There are three giant screens, like VDU screens except that they are shaped to resemble distorted swans' wings. Placed one at the back, one on either side, they move easily forward and back, up or down.

Painted scenery is projected on to these from behind; so are films showing the visions of Odette (played by Makarova) who tries to warn Siegried in Scene III, and of Rothbart, a giant, half glimpsed presence hovering threateningly over Scenes II and IV.

A benefit of this treatment is almost instantaneous scene changes. Makarova is consequently able to present the ballet in little under two and a half hours with only one intermission. But the effect, with Schneider-Siemsson's dim lighting, Dietmar Solt's mostly dull costumes, and a scrim across the front of the stage for the lakeside scenes, is very much on the gloomy side.

Festival Ballet has acquired most of the choreography which Frederick Ashton made for various Covent Garden productions no longer in use there; is this statesmanship or cheek? Scene II is in the Russian version of Ivanov's choreography, except that Odette has her solo earlier than usual. (This makes sense for the emotional sequence of the dances).

Petipa is represented only by the Black Swan duet: even the brilliant *Pas de Trois* is discarded. The rest of the choreography is Makarova's own: very bland, I am afraid, with lots of steps but no real invention.

Makarova's main achievement lies in the quality of the dancing. She has chosen initially to use different dancers for Odette and Odile, but not every night: this is expediency, not principle, to bring on the young dancers gradually.

Her opening cast is very young. Trinidad Sevillano makes a creamily fluent Odette, even if tentative as yet, especially in the use of her arms; Susan Hogard a very seductive Odile, swift and strong in movement.

I am not convinced that any Siegfried would mistake one for the other; even one as romantically preoccupied as Patrick Armand. The production emphasizes his moodiness, even to the point of wandering off stage during the entertainment presented for his pleasure in Scene I (the Ashton *Pas de Quatre*, needing a little more elegance and dazzle yet.)

The storm scene at the end is spectacular, with the filmed Rothbart shaking torrents of water from his wings. Odette's and Siegfried's decision to wade out and drown themselves is a surprise, but striking. A pity, though, that their transfiguration is filmed: massive pictorial effects are no real substitute for live dancers.

John Percival

Images undercut the information

TELEVISION

Between Beethoven and De Curtis, the soundtrack of *Trading Places* (Granada) managed to suggest the kind of cultural ecumenicalism for which the European Community would like to be known. What the presenter Paul Heiney found in Italy, however (and predictably), was that while the North sings an unceasing ode to economic joy, the South has little save its sun.

The best thing about the engaging and *simpatico* Heiney is that he is not Russell Harty; the worst, his caption-like commentary, in which informative and by no means unintelligent statements are lethally skewered by visual puns. This rib-nudging approach is patronizing and ultimately distracting. One never knows to what extent the image is determining the thought, nor whether the details are considered more important than the argument.

Appropriately enough, in dealing with the Italian economic miracle, there was even a *sorpasso*. "If I may mix my metaphors the way they mix their ice-creams," Heiney perorated at a conference of *gelatieri* in the Dolomites — and then capped this apologetic introduction with a wince-making but perfectly unmixed *sustained* metaphor to do with one-scoop economies and knickerbocker glories, complete with cherries on top. If television frontmen persist in getting their glories in such a twist, what hope is there for European understanding?

Following last Sunday's *South Bank Show*, the publisher Peter Owen's second major puff of the week came with a *Bookmark* (BBC2) on Shusaku Endo, who has been called "the Japanese Graham Greene". This novelist's Catholicism does indeed lend him an unexpected angle on his native society, where the concept of sin is equated solely with public exposure.

The profile itself never found its focus. Alec McCowen read out Endo extracts of a dissertational temper, and a colourless voice-over decorated footage of the author larking about with amateur operatics. Late in the day we learnt that he also hosts a popular television talk-show; at least a clip of this should have been shown.

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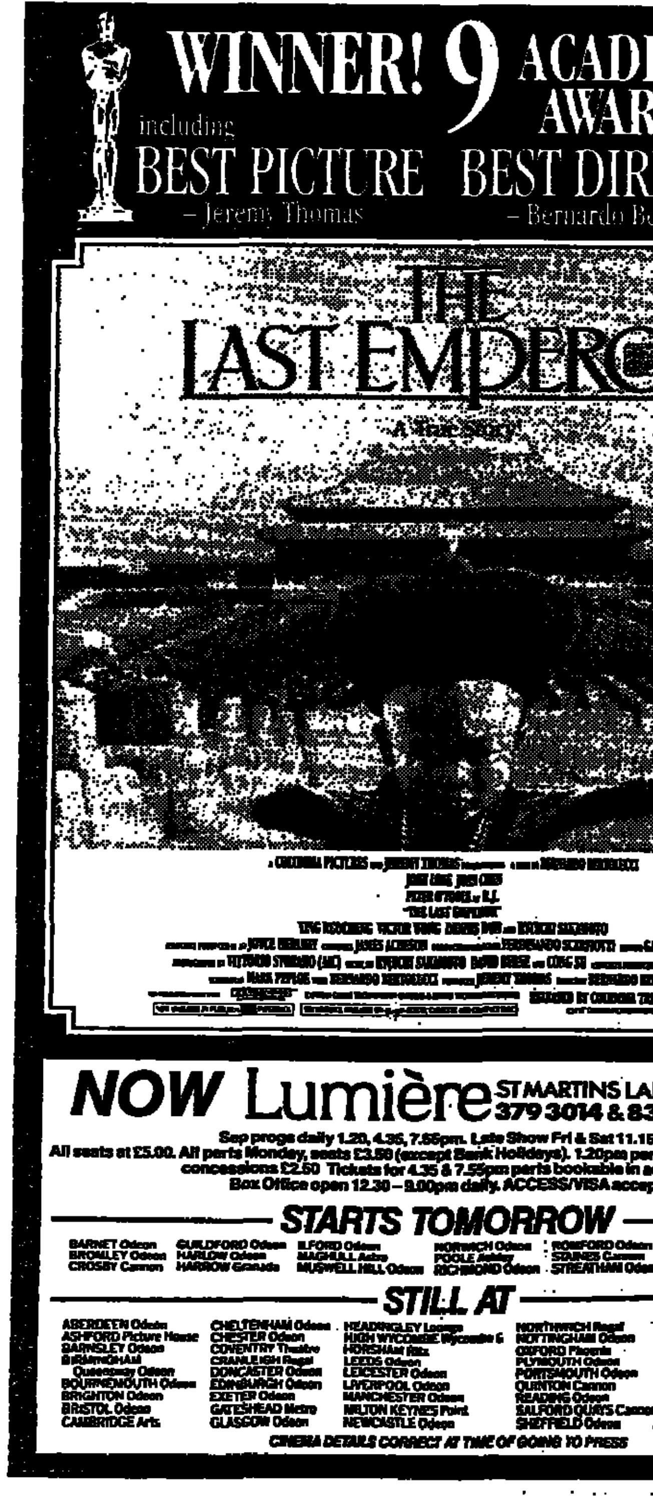
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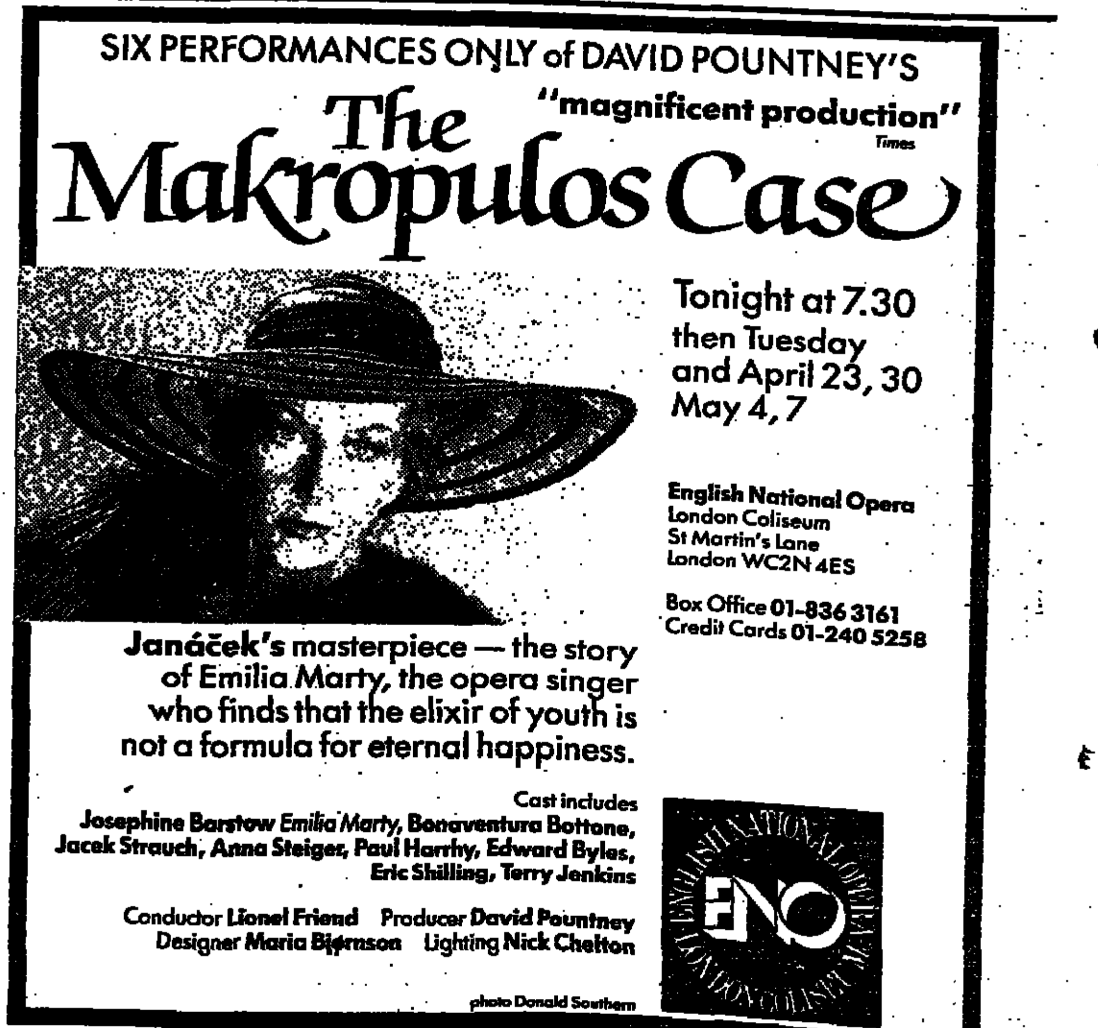
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BOOKS

Ombolom Bullorga?

Peter Ackroyd looks at Peter Brook's new autobiography and his critics

THE SHIFTING POINT
Forty Years of Theatrical Exploration: 1946-1987
By Peter Brook
Methuen, £14.95

PETER BROOK: A THEATRICAL CASEBOOK
Compiled by David Williams
Methuen, £8.95

GLYNN BOYD HARTE

Peter Brook is arguably the most important living director; he has redefined the nature of the theatre for his generation, and his work in the related disciplines of opera and film has been — to put it no higher — influential. So why is it that this anthology of his essays, *The Shifting Point*, is less than wholly satisfactory? It carries the note of definite conviction, it is well and on occasions forcefully argued, but in the end it seems a somewhat inconclusive and disappointing book.

This may be connected with the Bradleyan philosophy which Brook intimates in his title — there is no single truth, only a number of finite points of view — but I suspect that it has more to do with the director's own career. It is not that he has lost his way but rather that, for reasons best known to himself, he has chosen to take an elaborate detour — a bewildering journey exemplified by the difference between the Shakespearian words which in the first half of his career he did so much to illuminate and the gibberish of his later *Orghast* — IN OMBOLOM BULLORGA being one example of a nonsense language which was supposed to strike deep chords in the feelings of its auditors, but which did no more than betray a kind of helpless atavism.

Yet in one sense his career has been exemplary — since a successful director needs more than a fair share of egotism, will-power and sheer bravura it was natural that Brook should have taken to his profession very early in life. He was an *enfant terrible* almost while he was still an *enfant*, and in succeeding years he created memorable productions for the Royal Opera House, the National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company. There seems always to have been a definite desire to shock or at least to surprise, and so his excursions into the Theatre of Cruelty and the anti-war activism of *US* in the Sixties were par for an increasingly controversial course. Then in 1970 Brook opened the International Centre of Theatre Research in Paris and, since that time, he has been involved in international improvisations and productions which have not only turned the theatre on its head but spun it around, emptied its pockets and stamped all over it.

It is of course with this latter period that he is most closely identified, but there is a recognizable and permanent attitude of mind which has animated all of his work. Although in his collection of essays he severely criticizes those who deal in dramatic theory, he is a director who himself seems more interested in "ideas" than in anything else — whether it be the idea of a new language, or the idea of actors swarming among an audience, there is an element of self-willed and sometimes not altogether convincing contrivance. He seems never willingly to have forfeited the role of "Boy Wonder" which was thrust upon him so many years before: there is nothing wrong with that, of course, but it does suggest what is essentially a form of entrepreneurial arrogance. He confesses that in his earlier career he was more interested in images than in actors, but this is still the case — only the scale of the imagery has changed. Where once it was *Love Labour's Lost*, now it is an entire Hindu epic. Once it was Bottom, and now it is a starving African tribe. But there is something too flashy, too cerebral, about the transition. One gets the impression that everything is turned into yet another bright idea.

As a result Brook's anthology, and the *Casebook* of his various commentators, are filled with the fashions of the periods in which the various essays were written. Discontinuity, improvisation, simultaneity, participation — all the code-words of the Sixties and early Seventies reappear here like the echoes of an ancient pop-song. And so it is that even one of Brook's admirers, Charles Marowitz, is quoted in the *Casebook* as saying of his *Lear* that "... I still discern the absence of internal life."

It is almost impossible not to write "his *Lear*" in this context, as if Brook were to be given as much credit as Shakespeare. And that of course is part of the problem. The apotheosis of the director is in fact quite puzzling — it is a modern development, no doubt as temporary as the reign of the actor-manager but no less debilitating. It has something to do with the rise of film, something to do with the authoritarianism of the twentieth century but much more to do with the decline of organized religion and the increasingly desperate search for substitutes. Perhaps that is why Irving Wardle, in his introduction to the *Casebook*, describes Brook's career as having "the quality of a primal legend". The director becomes, if not exactly God, at least hero or saint.

And that is also no doubt why Brook himself now seems most interested in the theatre as a communal ritual — in his hands it seeks to acquire an almost religious intensity and to adumbrate "universal" significance. The theatre is, for him, no less than everything — "capturing truth and life", "a burning and fleeting taste of another world in which our present world is integrated and transformed". But drama is not theology, directors are not gods, actors rarely priests — and although it is natural for any professional to overrate his own sphere of activity, it is unwise to claim quite as much significance as this.

At the very least it encourages portentousness and a sometimes deadly humourlessness. Of course there are good things in *The Shifting Point* — Brook is interesting about his own history, and there are some percipient essays here on Shakespeare and Chekhov. It is only when he starts talking about "essentials" that he comes to grief. His is a doctrine of perfection but the theatre is an imperfect medium, and in that paradox one senses both the significance and the weakness of his work.

The best all died

HOLOCAUST MEMOIR

Victoria Glendinning

THE DROWNED AND THE SAVED
By Primo Levi
Michael Joseph, £10.95

This was Primo Levi's last book, finished just before he killed himself a year ago. To speculate about Levi's suicide is, as Paul Bailey says in a shrewd and sympathetic introduction, "as pointless as it is distateful". But the book gives some inkling of the permanent mental pain he suffered, quite apart from any immediate fears or sorrows which precipitated his action.

Levi has been among the least vindictive of the writers who have borne witness to the horror of the Nazi concentration camps. He was always, as Bailey says, "on the side of life". *The Drowned and the Saved* teaches us that to understand is not to forgive. Levi did not forgive the Germans for what they did to his people. The more you understand what evil is, perhaps, the more you suffer. "Anyone who has been tortured remains tortured", writes Levi, about an Austrian philosopher who was tortured by the Gestapo, sent to Auschwitz, and committed sucide in 1978.

What Levi understands, and what he tries to convey here specifically for the benefit of the generations who have grown up since the war, is that existence in the concentration camps was riddled with ambiguities. (It was, but was not simply, a matter of the good guys being persecuted by the bad guys.) He is scathing about the sort of psycho-nonsense which imagines a sado-masochistic connivance between the torturers and the tortured. But in a chapter entitled "The Grey Zone" he remembers — and it is as painful to read as it must have been to write — incidences of the cruelty and inhumanity of concentration camp victims to one another, and the way the human drive for power, prestige and privileges, in this case food, made some Jews collaborate with the guards, or join the Special Squad that manned the crematoria. He makes no moral judgements. He just describes the way it happened.

Liberation from the camps did not bring instant happiness. Most of the victims suffered from depression and anguish after their release, and some committed suicide. Levi tries to analyse the complex shame that they, and he, continued to feel. The irrational guilt at having survived at all has often been mentioned, but Levi gives heartbreaking reasons for it.

The guilt is about not having tried harder to resist the system, or to help victims weaker than oneself. "The aims of life are the best defence against death: and not only in the Lager", he writes, arguing against war, against cruelty. "Satan is not necessary." But the disturbing implication of his book seems to me to be that the "aims of life", in the Lager, made people brutal. In order to have a chance of survival, you had to look after yourself.

The suspicion that haunted him was not just that the fittest survived, but that the fittest meant the worst — "the selfish, the violent, the insensitive, the collaborators.... The best all died." He tried to take comfort from the idea that he survived so that he could bear witness — as he did, in seven unforgettable books. But the story of the camps, he believed, was written by the wrong people. The "complete witnesses", who knew the ultimate horrors, never came out alive.

In the face of his unending dialogue with the unbearable past there is no judgement to be made — except a literary one, and a regret that this brief, impassioned and lucid book had not a more agile translator. Levi's dialogue is with the future as well as with the past. "It happened, therefore it can happen again: that is the core of what we have to say."

Camping in couples

FICTION

John Nicholson

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS
By Armistead Maupin
Chatto & Windus, £10.95

PUTTING OUT
By Neil Ferguson
Hamish Hamilton, £10.95

PENNY WISE
By Susan Moody
Michael Joseph, £10.95

A CHARM AGAINST DROWNING
By Frederic Lindsay
Andre Deutsch, £10.95

First a hearty cheer for Chattos, for giving us the fifth of Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City cycle. Next, a resounding raspberry for them and the rest of the British hardback publishing industry for ignoring the first four of what may well be the funniest series of novels currently in progress.

For those who do not know his work, the epicentre of Mr Maupin's fictional world is 28 Barbary Lane, in the respectably Bohemian quarter of San Francisco. Residents of the area tend to be househusbands, media goddesses, and poet-playwrights. They also tend to be homosexual. If I tell you that Maupin describes himself as a committed gay rights activist and that most of the action of Significant Others takes place at a Women Only music festival and an exclusive Country Club for Professional Gentlemen, situated dangerously close to one another in the forests of Northern California, then I can be reasonably confident of having given you a completely false impression of a most accomplished piece of comic writing. What makes Armistead Maupin remarkable (apart of course from his name) is that you don't need to have the slightest interest in the world in which his characters move to find his books funny.

Brian, the househusband, thinks he may have caught something nasty (AIDS, since this is contemporary San Francisco) from an unwise liaison (heterosexual, as it happens) and takes off on a boys-only trek up-country to avoid having to make love to his wife before he gets the results of the blood-test. As chance would have it, his rural roost turns out to be within comfortable hiking (and, when the plot demands it, swimming) distance of both the Wimminwood Festival and the old goats' semi-Spartan, semi-sybaritic settlement.

Barbary Lane is represented in both camps, and Brian, while fearing the worst, does his best to reconcile the two implacably opposed cultures. There are shennanigans and shemozzles; couples snap sharply apart and then drift lazily back together under the redwoods; and the whole affair is presented with an understated charm that disguises smooth construction and a real talent for creating farcical set-pieces. Maupin's ear for dialogue is as acute as his feeling for characterization, and the net result is as engaging a read as you're likely to encounter in many moons.

Putting Out is another book you could get terribly wrong from just glancing at the sleeve-note. Novels by special teachers from North Kensington don't immediately make this reader's pulse quicken. But Neil Ferguson must be a weekend romancer extraordinaire, to judge by his fictional debut. It's a slick, fantastical investigation of fashionable New York life, seen through the eyes of a former Professor of Semiotics, now employed by the NY Police Department to add his expertise in interpreting the metaphorical significance of situations to their forensic armoury.

The stylish Lieutenant Maxwell Faraday may refuse to wear his police-issue revolver on the grounds that it ruins the line of his suit. But he's no slouch with a .41 single-action rimfire Colt, stock silver-inlaid and engraved by Tiffany. And even Captain O'Duff, who would prefer his precinct Prof-less, admits Max is a useful man to have around when New York's favourite newscaster is gunned down by a sex-change artist the day before the denizens of the Big Apple are due to elect themselves a new Mayor.

Perhaps Max Faraday is scheduled to join the ranks of recurring part-time detectives — like Susan Moody's Penny Wanawake the black, six foot, trouble-shooting daughter of an English lady and an African diplomat, who Modestly Blaises a trail around the watering-holes favoured by the European jet-set. Penny Wise is another fifth-in-the-series. Sadly, Miss Moody's relentlessly jokey narrative is beginning to pall, and she seems to be losing interest in her heroine, judging by this less than sparkling account of mayhem in the up-market hotel business.

Much more convincing is Frederic Lindsay's third novel, *A Charm Against Drowning*. George Campbell is an educationalist, a failure in his own and the world's eyes, trying desperately to maintain a relationship with his student daughter. But Chris is a junkie, written off by the medical profession, whose only hope of salvation involves her father in a course of action far beyond his powers — though not his imagination. This harrowing book, which veers between realism and fairy-tale, is a worthy successor to the equally disturbing *Brond* and *Jill Rips*.

Daubing fine fillies

Woodrow Wyatt

WHAT A GO
The Life of Alfred Munnings
By Jean Goodman
Collins, £17.50

This is a lively book about a braggart painter who preferred horses to women but depended on both. His father lived at and ran the large Mendham Mill and its farmland augmented by his mother's inheritance via Grandma Ringer's family of whom he saw much and who lived more grandly with 14 servants at Walsham Hall nearby. This disparity gave Alfred Munnings the social chip he never shed: the Ringers thought his mother had married beneath her.

In 1878, when Munnings was born horses were round him in profusion. He gloried in their grace, movement and beauty and was drawing them as soon as he could hold a pencil.

He apprenticed himself to a Norwich firm of lithographers. Thus he painstakingly learned the precision in drawing of great value to him as a painter. He studied at the Art School and joined the Art Circle, redolent of the Norwich School, through which he was selling pictures by 19. He had two paintings accepted for the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition at 20. He was on his way to the traumas, disaster and triumphs of the exciting world he knew he would conquer.

His first marriage was not consummated. It ended when his wife killed herself after two years from unhappiness over a lesbian affair. Munnings had married her because she was socially superior and made a stylish model, especially on a horse. His second marriage in 1920 to the elegant daughter of a fashionable London riding master, a familiar of royalty, lasted until his death in 1959. It is not clear whether this was consummated either, being described by Jean Goodman as "childless and, seemingly, sexually unsatisfactory", but she managed his money, looked after his house and waited patiently for his early morning returns from the boisterous dinners he went to several times a week.

She, too, looked wonderful on a horse, as can be seen, among other good illustrations, in My Wife, My Horse and Myself, painted outside his handsome Regency castle house, Dedham in Suffolk. He was immensely proud of this house in which he lived for 40 years. It signified he was now a real gentleman. He must rank with Stubbs as a painter of horses, their riders and settings, and of the two he has the wider range. Despite his boastfulness he thought himself not a great painter but a good one. He may turn out to have been the former.

NEW BOOKS

The Deputy Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

Conrad and Religion, by John Lester (Macmillan, £27.50) *Lord Jim the Baptist, Kurtz as Christ figure. The mutation from Catholic to atheist of our greatest action man.*

A History of Private Life: Vol II Revelations of the Medieval World, ed. Georges Duby, translated by Arthur Goldhammer (Harvard, £24.95) Day to day life in one of history's more *horrible epochs.*

Chaliapin, by Victor Borovsky (Hamish Hamilton, £25) Biog of the great singer, on whom Stanislavsky based his system.

Dame Laura Knight, by Caroline Fox (Phaedon, £25) Sunny pics of Cornwall, theatre, ballet, circus; darker pics of Nuremberg.

The Soap Letters, by Henry Root (Michael O'Mara, £9.95) In-depth diary of ongoing attempts to get a TV soap on the road, by a man who made his fortune in wet fish.

Milligan's War: The selected War Memoirs of Spike Milligan (Michael Joseph, £12.95) *Hitler, Monty, Musso, Rommel, his part* in their downfall. Stands alongside Waugh's Sword of Honour trilogy as the best portrait of World War Two.

The Ridgeway: Europe's oldest road, by *Richard Ingrams* with paintings from the Francis Kyle gallery (Phaidon, £14.95) Mr Private Eye hoofs it over the Berkshire and Wiltshire downs. (Snipcock and Tweed, 195gns).

The perfect hypocrite: Sir John Gielgud as Joseph Surface in *School for Scandal (1937)*. It is his 84th birthday on April 14th, and Robert Tanitch's festschrift Gielgud (Harrap, £14.95) is a fine photo-record of his career

PHILIPPA WIAT
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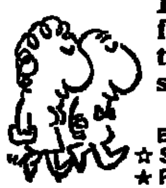

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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **BLOODY POETRY:** Nigel Terry plays Byron and Mark Rylance is Shelley in start of a Howard Brenton season "Three Plays for Utopia".
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, London SW3 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mats Sat 4-6.30pm, £4-£12.

☆ **BLUES IN THE NIGHT:** Hit black blues show, with Carol Woods, Sarah Woollett, Helen Gelzer and Peter Straker singing their hearts out in a sleazy Chicago hotel.
Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street, W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 6.30-8pm and 9-11pm, £8.50-£14.50. (D)

☆ **DANGER: MEMORY!:** Arthur Miller Year continues with a double-bill of typically tense one act plays starring Paul Rogers, John Bennett and Betsy Blair.
Hampstead Theatre, Avenue Road, NW3 (01-722 9301). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.30pm, mat Sat 4.30pm, £5-£7.50.

☆ **HAPGOOD:** Puzzling new Tom Stoppard play. Spies, physics and misunderstandings; with Nigel Hawthorne, Roger Rees, Felicity Kendal and Iain Glen.
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych WC2 (01-836 6404). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, mats Wed 2.30-5.30 and Sat 4-7pm, £5-14.50.

☆ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack waging eccentric war against the modern world in Peter Shaffer's new comedy.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.45-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm, £7.50-£14.50. (D)

☆ **THE MIRACLE WORKER:** William Gibson's celebrated play showing how blind young Helen Keller learnt to communicate; with Hildegard Neil, Daryl Back, Ian Lavender.
Westminster Theatre, Palace Street SW1 (01-834 0283). Tube: Victoria. Tues-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, mats Wed and Thurs 2.30-5pm, and Sat 3-5.30pm, £5.50-£12.50.

☆ **THE MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940:** New York comedy-thriller starring Simon Cadell, Tom Baker, Margaret Courtnay, Sheila Steafel, Maria Friedman: set in a country mansion cut off (you guessed) by snow.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill SE10 (01-858 7755). Train: Greenwich. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Sat 2.30pm, £3-£10.

☆ **'TIS PITY SHE'S A WHORE:** Rupert Graves and Suzan Sylvester play the incestuous lovers in Ford's masterpiece of betrayal and revenge.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Tonight 7.15pm, £6.50-£13. then £6.50-£13.

☆ **ZIEGFELD:** Spectacular musical based on the life of the man who made the famous *Follies*, and costing a bomb. With Len Cariou, Geoffrey Hutchins and Louise Gold.
London Palladium, 8 Argyll Street, W1 (01-437 7373). Tube: Oxford Circus. Previews until April 25, Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15 pm, mat Sat 2.45-5.30pm. Opens April 26, 7.30-10.15pm. Then as before plus mats on Wed 2.45-5.30pm. Previews £4.50-£16.50. From April 26, £3.25-£21.00.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 22

POSADA
(b) Spanish for a house, specifically a wayside inn, or boarding-house, not necessarily very luxurious.

EMBOUCHURE
(c) The position of the mouth when playing a wind instrument, from the French for the mouth of a river, or a river valley.

COMINT
(b) The acronym for COMmunications INTelligence, the process of gathering intelligence by intercepting communications.

MYS
(a) An Athenian artist famous for working and polishing silver; he represented the battle between the Centaurs and the Lapiths on the silver shield in the hand of the statue of Athena in the Parthenon sculpted by Phidias.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queens Theatre (01-734 1166). . . ☆ ***The Business of Murder:*** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ★ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ ***Run For Your Wife:*** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Serious Money:** Wyndhams Theatre (01-836 3028). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665). . . ☆ ***And Then There Were None:*** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

OUT OF TOWN

NORTHAMPTON: ☆ ***The Murder Factory of John George Haigh:*** World premiere of John Peacock play about the acid bath murders of 1951.
Royal Theatre, Guildhall Street (0604 24811). Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8pm, mat Thurs 2.30pm, £3-£7.

SOUTHAMPTON: ☆ ***The Little Heroine:*** Katharine Schlesinger, Georgina Hale and Michael Culver in Nell Dunn's first play since *Steaming*.
Nuffield Theatre, University Road (0703 671771). Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, mat 4pm, £3.90-£6.50.

BOLTON: ☆ ***HARD TIMES:*** Adaptation of Dickens's novel set in "Coketown" (i.e. Preston), exposing the flaws in the work ethic.
Octagon Theatre, Howell Croft South, Bolton (0204 20661). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, £2.30-£4.90.

WATFORD: ☆ ***Winter in the Morning:*** Susanah Harker and Nick Wilton in play with cabaret inserts showing young love fighting to survive in the Warsaw ghetto.
Palace Theatre, Clarendon Road (0923 225671). Mon-Thurs 7.45pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, mat Sat 3pm, £5.50-£7.25.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

BABETTE'S FEAST (U): One of Karen Blixen's lighter tales, immaculately transferred to the screen by a fellow Dane, Gabriel Axel. With Stéphane Audran as a famous Parisian chef who tests her skills on an austere religious community (105 min).
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.

BATTERIES NOT INCLUDED (PG): Last year's Christmas treat from the Spielberg factory — a story of harassed Manhattan tenement dwellers, befriended by flying saucers. With Hume Cronyn, Jessica tandy; directed by Matthew Robbins.
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.15, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.10, 4.40, 7.10, 9.40.
☎ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

CRY FREEDOM (PG): Richard Attenborough's bumper bundle of exciting spectacle and liberal sentiments; with Kevin Kline as journalist Donald Woods, drawn into the case of South African activist Steve Biko (Denzel Washington) (158 min).
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-200 0200). Progs 2.00, 5.40, 8.40.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 1.25, 5.00, 8.30.

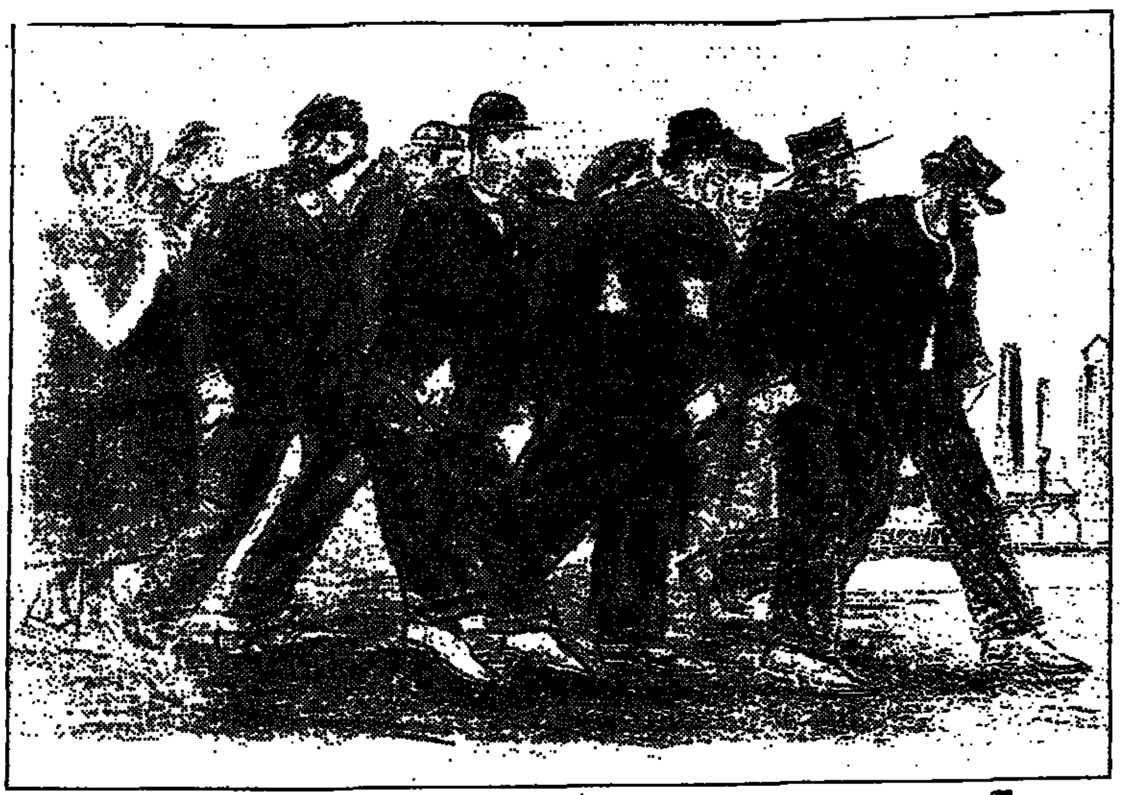
■ **EMPIRE OF THE SUN (PG):** J G Ballard's autobiographical novel about a British child in Shanghai caught by the invading Japanese in the Second World War; filmed by Steven Spielberg with great panache. With Christian Bale, John Malkovich and Nigel Havers (153 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 1.45, 5.10, 8.40.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 1.10, 4.35, 7.55.
Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 1.55, 5.00, 8.00.

■ **FULL METAL JACKET (18):** Stanley Kubrick's meticulously filmed Vietnam drama, following Matthew Modine and other recruits from basic training to combat. Kubrick's clinical eye for human behaviour is still unbeatable (115 min).
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.05, 3.35, 6.05, 8.35.

HOLLYWOOD SHUFFLE (15): Spoofs and sketches hung on the peg of a black actor trying to get on in Hollywood. High-spirited, if patchy; written, produced and directed by its star, Robert Townsend (82 min).
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 2.30, 4.15, 6.00, 7.45, 9.30.

THE KITCHEN TOTO (15): Writer-director Harry Hook makes an impressive debut with this observant drama about a bewildered young servant during Kenya's fight for independence. With Bob Peck and Phyllis Logan (97 min).
Cannon Première (01-439 4470). Progs 2.10, 4.10, 6.20, 8.15, 10.15.

■ **THE LAST EMPEROR (15):** Bertolucci's gorgeously photographed epic, winner of nine Oscars, tells the extraordinary story of Pu Yi, China's last imperial ruler, who lived to become a model Communist citzen. With John Lone, Peter O'Toole (162 min).
Lumière (01-836 0691). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.



Scruff with a sharp style

"Mob of Men and Two Women" (above) by Gerald Wilde (1905-1986) is a lithograph drawn in 1928, while he was a student at Chelsea School of Art. In style it is a far cry from the later bold and sinuous abstract paintings on which his reputation is founded. But there is much of Wilde's personal eccentricity expressed in this image of shambling and dishevelled Desperate Dan-like figures. For Wilde was one of those romantic loners common among English artists whose nonconformity needles the establishment, but who are otherwise loved for their independence of spirit and unconventional lifestyle. He was a charming scruff, a devotee, like L.S. Lowry, of the baggy, dinner-and-paint stained suit, and he lived out his last years freezing to a death in a stable. It is thought that novelist Joyce Cary based his character Gulley Jimson, the irascible, often inebriated artist in *The Horse's Mouth*, on his friend Wilde. It is unfortunate that his persona has tended to overshadow his painting. This condition is now remedied with a substantial exhibition of Wilde's work from all periods of his career which starts today at the October Gallery, 24 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1 (01-242 7367), Tuesday to Saturday 12.30 to 4.30pm, free, until May 21. A second, smaller show of paintings, drawings and prints is at David Hibberd Gallery, 55 Broad Street, Lyme Regis, Dorset (0294-3446), Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm, 2.30 to 5.30pm, Thursday 10am to 1pm only, Saturday 10am to 1pm, free, until April 28. *David Lee*

CONCERTS

☆ ***MACKERRAS MUSIC:*** Sir Charles Mackerras conducts the Pro Musica Chorus, Brighton Festival Chorus, RPO and Stephen Roberts (baritone) in Belshazzar's Feast by Walton. But first the orchestra plays Vaughan Williams's Wasps Overture and Elgar's "Enigma" Variations.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 8pm, £4-£20.

☆ **MOZART/BERLIOZ:** The Bournemouth Sinfonietta is conducted by Roger Norrington in the Overture and Ballet Music from Idomeneo, his Symphony No 41 "Jupiter" and four songs from Berlioz's Nuits d'Eté with Sarah Walker (mezzo soprano).
Colston Hall, Colston St, Bristol (0272 291768 or 262957), 7.30pm, £3.20-£7.60.

☆ **SALKELD'S SHOW:** Stephen Salkeld plays Bach's Chromatic Fantasia and Fugue, Beethoven's Piano Sonata Op 110 as well as such rareties as Schubert-Liszt song transcriptions and Tausig's Fantasy on Hungarian Gypsy Melodies.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £3, £6.

☆ **SONNERIE SOUNDS:** As part of the Wigmore Hall's "Early Music and Baroque" series the Trio Sonnerie plays sonatas by Corelli, Castella, Stradella, Picchi.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.

☆ **IGOR OISTRAKH:** The distinguished Russian violinist performs Bach's Chaconne BWV 1004, Ysaÿe's Sonata Op 27 No 3 and is joined at the piano by natalia Zertsalova for Beethoven's Sonata Op 96, Chausson's Poème and pieces by Khachaturian and Paganini.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £5-£12.50.

TELEVISION TOP 10

National top 10 programmes in the week ending: April 3

	BBC 1		BBC 2
1	EastEnders (Tues/Sun) 19.40m	1	The Temptation of Eileen Hughes 7.15m
2	EastEnders (Thurs/Sun) 18.85m	2	The Big Bus 6.45m
3	Neighbours (Tues 13:31/17:36) 15.20m	3	Black Adder II 5.95m
4	Neighbours (Mon 13:29/17:36) 14.70m	4	Forty Minutes 5.70m
5	Neighbours (Wed 13:31/17:36) 14.10m	5	M.A.S.H. 5.00m
6	Neighbours (Thurs 13:30/17:36) 14.10m	6	Victoria Wood Special 4.55m
7	Neighbours (Fri 13:20/17:36) 13.60m	7	Indelible Evidence 4.10m
8	A Question of Sport 12.50m	8	The Birth of Brazil 3.85m
9	Wildlife on One 12.50m	9	A Very Peculiar Practice 3.60m
10	A Passage To India 11.95m	10	Battlestar Galactica 3.60m

	ITV		Channel 4
1	Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 16.30m	1	Treasure Hunt 7.20m
2	Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 14.95m	2	Brookside (Mon/Sat) 5.85m
3	Knight Rider — The Movie ITV 12.00m	3	The Cosby Show 5.60m
4	Watching Granada 11.75m	4	Brookside (Tues/Sat) 5.50m
5	Catchphrase Special TVS 11.00m	5	Gregory's Girl 5.35m
6	She Cried Murder ITV 10.90m	6	Cheers! 4.55m
7	Krypton Factor Int'l Granada 10.50m	7	An Audience With Billy Connolly 4.15m
8	Aspel and Company LWT 10.15m	7	How Does Your Garden Grow? 4.05m
9	Emmerdale Farm (Wed) Yorkshire 9.90m	9	Sitting Ducks 3.95m
9	Wednesday at Eight Thames 9.85m	10	Jesus of Nazareth 3.95m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time:* Mon to Fri 1.2m (8.5m) TV-am: *Good Morning Britain* Mon to Fri 2.7m (13.5m)
Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

JAZZ

☆ **ART BLAKEY:** Pushing 70, he leads his current edition of the Jazz Messengers, including trombonist Robin Eubanks.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £8 (members £2).

☆ ***STAN TRACEY:*** On the road with a quintet featuring saxophonists Alan Skidmore and Art Themen.
Band On The Wall, 25 Swan Street, Manchester (061 832 6625) doors open 8.30pm, £3.50.

☆ ***OLIVER JONES:*** After years in a showband the Canadian pianist splashed onto the jazz scene in 1980, earning comparisons with his compatriot Oscar Peterson.
The Arts Centre, Church Street, Colchester (0206 577301) 8.30pm, £5.

☆ **ADELAIDE HALL:** See caption.
Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham Street, London WC1 (01-240 8230) 11.15pm, £8.50.

The singer Adelaide Hall (above) begins a four night residency at the Donmar Warehouse tonight, backed by her own band (see listing). Hall, who made her professional debut more than 60 years ago in the all-black revue *Shuffle Along*, later toured Europe with Josephine Baker. In 1927 she contributed the wordless vocals to Duke Ellington's "Creole Love Call." She will be singing more Ellington classics on Saturday week at the South Bank when she takes part in the annual concert in memory of the composer.

ROCK

☆ **JOHNNY CLEGG & SAVUKA:** Noisy but seamless fusion of rock and South African township roots from the white Zulu and his multi-racial group.
Riverside, 57-59 Melbourne Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (091 261 4386) 7.30pm, £3.50-£4.

☆ **MARY COUGHLAN:** *Tired And Emotional* Irish singer, recently seen guesting with the Pogues.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916) 7.30pm, £6-£7, for two nights.

☆ **ROBERT PLANT:** Ex-Led Zeppelin vocalist, growing older with wit and grace.
Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334) 7.30pm, £8.50.

★ **ERASURE:** The cool electro-pop of Andy Bell and Vince Clarke.
Forum at the NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133) 7.30pm, £7.

☆ **DEF LEPPARD:** "Armageddon It" soft-metal hitmakers.
Edinburgh Playhouse, 18-21 Greenside Place (031 557 2590) 7.30pm, £7-£8, for two nights.

OPERA

★ **SALOME:** Peter Hall's new production, with Maria Ewing in the title role and Christos von Dohnanyi in the pit.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 8-9.45pm, £2-£55.

☆ **THE MAKROPOULOS CASE:** Welcome revival of David Pountney's powerful Janacek production, with Josephine Barstow returning to the role of the 337-year-old Emilia Marty.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ **CARMEN:** Opera 80s shoestring production arrives at Ipswich with Kate McCarney in the title role and Ivor Bolton conducting.
Corn Exchange, Ipswich (0473 215544), 7.30-10.30pm, £5.50-£7.

DANCE

☆ ***SWAN LAKE:*** Premier of Natalia Makarova's production for London Festival Ballet.
Alhambra, Morley Street, Bradford (0274 752000), 7.30-10pm, £???.

☆ **MAUGERIC** and other works by Myriam Herve-Gill for La P'tite Compagnie.
The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8-10pm, £5-£11.

☆ **ROMEO & JULIET:** John Cranko's dramatic production revived for Scottish Ballet.
His Majesty's, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen (0224 641122), 7.45-10.30pm, £5-£11.

WALKS

SHAKESPEARE'S LONDON: meet Museum of London, 2.30pm, £3.

INNS OF COURT AND OLD BAILEY: meet Temple tube, 10.30pm, £3 (also next Thurs).

ARISTOCRATIC LONDON — LORDS LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: meet Green Park tube, 2.30pm, £3 (also next Thurs).

GALLERIES

THYSSEN-BORNEMISZA COLLECTION: Fifty Old Master paintings from one of the world's greatest private collections, presented by *The Times*.
Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052). Daily 10am-6pm, £3 (concessions and Sun mornings, £2, under-18s, £1.50), until June 12.

JOHN HUBBARD: Paintings, drawings and related works called Alhambra.
Fischer Fine Art, 30 King Street, London SW1 (01-839 3942). Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-12.30pm, free, until May 13.

TOM COATES: Recent figurative paintings by the President of the Royal Society of British Artists.
New Grafton Gallery, 49 Church Road, London SW13 (01-748 8850), Tues-Sat 10-5.30pm, free, until April 30.

ROSIE LEVENTON: A large installation called Wake, incorporating a leaden boat on a sea of ashes.
Chisenhale Gallery, 64-84 Chisenhale Road, London E3 (01-981 4518), Wed-Sat 12-6pm, free, until May 7.

AUSTRALIA OBSERVED: Paintings and drawings by Jamie Boyd and Denis Clarke and sculpture by John Doubleday.
Boundary Gallery, 98 Boundary Road, London NW8 (01-624 1126), Tues-Sat 11-6pm, free, until May 7.

JAMES GILLRAY (1756-1815): A collection of political cartoons and caricatures loaned by the British Museum.
Towneley Hall Art Gallery, Burnley (0282 24213), Mon-Fri 1-5pm, Sun 1-5pm, freee, until May 8.

FREEDOM TO TOUCH: An exhibition of sculpture specially commissioned for the visually handicapped.
City Museum and Art Gallery, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent (0782 202173), Mon-Sat 10.30-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until May 2.

OTHER EVENTS

DREAMS: First day of an exhibition of designs and theatre material from 100 years of German and Stratford productions of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, mounted jointly by Ministry of Culture of the East German Democratic Republic and the Royal Shakespeare Company Collection.
The Civic Hall, Rother Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire. (info 0789 296655). Today until April 23, Mon-Sat 9.30am-7pm. Adult £1.50, child £1.

THE PAVLOVA FESTIVAL: Rare opportunity visit Ivy House, the prima ballerina's home from 1912-1931. Exhibitions include Pavlova at home and in performance, photographs and memorabilia from the Anna Pavlova Memorial Exhibition and costumes from the Festival Ballet and the London Festival Ballet. Also lectures, discusssions, films and masterclasses.
Ivy House, North End Road, London NW11 (01-202 1903). House, gardens and exhibitions today until April 16 at 9.30am, 12 noon, 2.30pm, 5pm and 7.30pm. Sunday April 17, 9.30am, 12 noon, 2.30pm. Admission to house, gardens and exhibitions £4. Masterclasses, films and lectures £2.50.

SALE OF SILVER, JEWELLERY AND OBJECTS OF VERTU: A George II Baluster tankard made in 1752 by Thomas Cooke and Richard Gurney, is among the many fine silver and silverplated items for sale. In the jewellery section, one of the most delicate pieces is a Russian diamond, sapphire and ruby plique-a-jour enamel moth brooch.
Lawrence of Crewkerne, South Street, Crewkerne, Somerset (0460 73041). Sale 11am. Viewing beforehand.

TOY COLLECTORS FAIR: Vintage and modern trains, road vehicles and soldiers plus tinplate and dyecast toys and models.
Civic Hall, Crofton Road, Orpington, Kent. (Info: 0992 20376), 7.15pm, admission 45p.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

PERCUSSION 88: Europe's first Festival of Percussion, features Steven Schick, Kroumata, Amadinda, Lloyd Ryan, Nexus, Simon Limbrick. Also Kantamanto in *African Drumming*; performance of Steve Reich's *Drumming*; and works by Stockhausen, Xenakis, Cage and Takemitsu.
Royal Festival Hall (01-928 3191).
Barbican (01-638 8891).
Almeida Theatre (01-359 4404). April 24-30.

MAY AT THE SOUTH BANK: Highlights include concerts in End Games late work series: performances of Haydn's *Seasons*, and London Orpheus Choir in Handel's *Jephtha*; programme of 16th century Italian carnival song to celebrate May Day; Barrie St Germain memorial concert; and Irving Berlin centenary tributes.
South Bank Concert Halls, London, SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Phone/personal bookings now open.

WIGMORE SUMMER NIGHTS: General public booking for series, including The Light Blues in Irving Berlin 100th Birthday Tribute, Hugues Cueond 86th Birthday Concert, and appearances by New Budapest String Quartet, Gothic Voices, Moura Lympany, Josef Suk, Ian Hobson, and Endellion String and Carmina Quartets. May 7-July 16.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, Lodon W1 (01-935 2141).

LAST CHANCE

LUCIAN FREUD: Around 100 paintings 1947-87, with recent work not previously shown, including oil paintings and large etchings of his mother, plus full length male portraits.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (01-921 0876, info 01-261 0127). Ends Sun.

NORTH OF WATFORD: Recent work by two Yorkshire artists, Graeme Willson and Tom Wood.
Smith's Gallery, Neal Street, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-836 9701). Ends Sat.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

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OPERA & BALLET

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ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 01 240 1066/1911. Stdby info 01 836 6903. S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Ton't 8.00 THE ROYAL OPERA Salome. Tomor 7.30 Lucia di Lammermoor.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Edgar Kennedy in *You Drive Me Crazy* (b/w). **6.55** Weather
7.00 Breakfast Time with Jeremy Paxman and Sally Jones. *Includes national and international news at* **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30;** regional news and travel bulletins at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15;** and weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25. 8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Pattie Coldwell receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television output. **9.20** *Kilroy! Robert Kilroy-Silk* chairs a studio discussion on the need to remember the Holocaust.
10.00 News and weather followed by The Flintstones. Cartoon (r). **10.25** Children's BBC: Simon *Parkin with programme details* and birthday greetings followed by Play School, presented by Mike Amatt with guest Jane Hardy (r), and Gran, narrated by *Patricia* Hayes (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven. Steven Pacey *with a reading* **11.00** News and weather followed by Open Air with Bob Wellings and Pattie Coldwell.
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. *Magazine series* presented by Alan Titchmarsh, Pamela Armstrong and Judi Spiers. This edition includes Debbie Thrower reviewing the latest *magazines*. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather **1.30** Neighbours. *Lucy's demands force Ruth into a confrontation* with Paul.
1.50 All Well and Good. This week's edition includes items on belly-dancing for pregnant women and back-ache sufferers; cures for *sea sickness; and coping with* a stammer.
2.20 Dr Kildare. The second of a two-part story and a young couple's confusion is *compounded by a happy event* (r).
3.10 The Pink Panther Show. Three cartoons (r). **3.25** Bellamy's Seaside Safari. David Bellamy, a centimetre high, explores a beach's rock pool and learns to treat a crab with respect (r).
3.50 *ChuckleVision* (r). **4.15** Jonny Briggs. Episode four of the 13-part serial (r). **4.30** Around the World with Willy Fogg.
4.55 Newsround **5.05** Blue Peter (Ceefax) **5.35** Neighbours (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather. **6.35** London Plus.
7.00 Top of the Pops
7.30 EastEnders. Kathy falls out with both her husband and son. (Ceefax)
8.00 Tomorrow's World includes a report by Judith Hann from Beijing on the challenge to develop word processors capable of reproducing the more than 10,000 Chinese characters. At *home there is news of a new* kind of silage, a method of preventing the icing-up of jet engines, and a fool-proof infra-red security device for cars
8.30 Mastermind. The specialist subjects are: the American Civil War, Vincent Van Gogh, Edgar Allan Poe, and South Africa 1910-1961.
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Crimewatch UK with Nick Ross and Pattie Coldwell, includes a reconstruction of the savage murder on a non-corridor train of 26-year-old Deborah Linsley
10.10 Black and White. The fourth of *five programmes* on the realities of racial discrimination in this country. This evening Tim and Geoff test the waters at various recreation centres.
10.40 Question Time. Sir Robin *Day's guests are* Baroness Warnock and MPs Paddy Ashdown, Kenneth Baker and Ann Taylor.
11.40 Crimewatch Update.
11.50 Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Thames news.
9.30 Lucky Ladders. Word game **10.00** Santa Barbara **10.25** News headlines
10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject **11.10** Puddle Lane. Puppet series for the young **11.25** Thames news headlines
11.30 *My Marriage. Colin Morris* talks to Patrick Ainley, a white man who teaches in a London comprehensive, and to his wife Beulah, a Jamaican journalist, about their eight-year marriage
12.00 The Sullivans **12.30** *Quandaries. Game show*
1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville **1.20** Thames news.
1.30 Falcon Crest. Drama serial starring Jane Wyman as the matriarch of a *California* wine dynasty **2.25** Home Cookery Club. *Monkfish Casserole.*
2.30 All Our Yesterdays. Bernard Braden looks at the year 1963 when Sir Winston Churchill became an honorary United States *citizen; his son* Randolph began his father's biography that was not to be completed until a quarter of a century later; and the BBC started to screen TW3 — much to politicians' consternation and sometimes embarrassment.
3.00 Take the High Road. Alice and Grace are in deadlock over Donald **3.25** Thames news *headlines* **3.30** Sons and Daughters.
4.00 Portland Bill. Adventures of a lighthouse keeper (r). **4.10** The Moomins (r). **4.20** The Sooty *Show with Matthew Corbett (r).* **4.45** Dennis. Cartoon series **4.50** Erasmus Microman takes Ben and Jane to meet Albert Einstein.
5.15 Winner Takes All. *Quiz game* show presented by Geoffrey Wheeler.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00** Thames news.
6.25 Help with news of Telethon 88.
6.30 Emmerdale Farm. Turner and Seth find themselves with a couple of jobs
7.00 In On the Act. Denis Norden *presents clips of 1960s variety* shows featuring Al Read, the Dallas Boys, Vikki Carr, Terry-Thomas and Spike Milligan. The guest in the studio is Tom O'Connor.
7.30 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. The *second and concluding* part of the comedy drama adventures of north-east English brickies working in West Germany (r). (Oracle)
8.00 Busman's Holiday. Travel *quiz*
8.30 This Week: Russia's Bleeding Wound. A report by Peter Gill, coinciding with the signing of the Afghan withdrawal agreement, assessing the domestic impact on the Soviet Union of the eight *year war Mr Gorbachov has* described as a 'bleeding wound'.
9.00 L. A. Law. Drama series
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Carol Barnes **10.30** Thames news.
10.35 The City Programme *investigates why* the cost of banks' credit cards are almost three times higher than the base rate.
11.05 01- for London includes Hazel *O'Connor commenting on Death Wish 4* and Susannah York on *The Unbearable Lightness of Being.* Followed by Crimestoppers.
11.35 *Prisoner: Cell Block H.*
12.30am A Problem Aired. Viewers' emotional problems discussed.
1.00 Tales from the Darkside. Two stories of the supernatural.
2.00 *News headlines followed by* Film: Lipstick (1976) starring Anne Bancroft, Margaux Hemingway and Chris Sarandon. Drama about a rape victim who exacts her *revenge on her attacker.* Directed by Lamont Johnson.
4.00 News headlines followed by Too Close For Comfort. Comedy.
4.30 America's Top Ten (r).
5.00 *ITN Morning* News. Ends **6.00.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 *WALES:* **5.35pm-6.00** Wales Today **6.35-7.00** News followed by Neighbours **11.50-11.55** *News and weather* **SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00** Dotaman **6.35-7.00** Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm** *Today's Sport* **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35** Neighbours **6.58-7.00** News **8.30-9.00** Golden Voices **ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** About Anglia **10.35** Go Fishing 2 **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00** Film: *Magnificent Seven Deadly Sins* **2.00** WKRP in Cincinnati **2.30** Film: Take My Life **4.00-5.00** Survival Special.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Gardening Time **2.00-2.30** Look Who's Talking (Charlie Williams) **3.00** Musical Journey **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Lookaround **10.35** Wallace **11.05** Magnum **12.00** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: **12.00noon** Home Cookery **12.05pm** Quandaries **12.35-1.00** Young Doctors **1.20** News **1.30-2.30** Love Boat **6.00** *News* **6.25-6.30** Police 5 **10.35** Central Lobby **11.05** Album **11.35** Hunter **12.30am** Bullseye **1.00** Film: Montana *Trap* **2.40** *Sportsworld* **3.40** Thursday Special **4.15-5.00** Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: **12.00noon** Votes for Women **12.30pm-1.00** Sullivans **1.20** News **1.30** European Connections **2.00** *Country Practice* **2.30** Take the High Road **3.00-3.30** Quandaries **6.00-6.30** Channel Report **10.35** *Prisoner: Cell Block H* **11.35** Big Band TV Disco Show **12.05am** Maintaining the Small Garden **12.10** UFO **1.10** America's Top 10 **1.40** Sports Action **2.40** Taxi **3.10** Company. Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm** Granada Reports **1.30-2.30** Country Practice **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Granada Reports **10.35** Celebration **11.05** Open House **11.35** Album **12.05am** Film: Trauma **1.50** Sportsworld **2.50** Barney Miller **3.20** Rock of Europe **4.20-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Country Practice **6.00-6.30** News **10.35** Police 5 Special **11.15** Weekend Outlook **11.20** Scene '88 **11.50** Journey to the Unknown **12.50am** Meltdown **1.50** Invitation to Remember **2.20** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-6.30** Wales at Six **10.35** Wales this Week **11.05** Film: From Beyond the Grave **12.55am** Meltdown **1.55-2.25** An Invitation to Remember.

TSW As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Short Story **6.00-6.30** Today **10.35** Hunter **11.30** At the Maintenance Shop **12.00** *Tales from the Darkside* **12.25am** Postscript. Closedown.

TVS As London except: **12.00noon** Votes for Women **12.30pm-1.00** Sullivans **1.20** News **1.30** European Connections **2.00** Country Practice **2.30** Take the High Road **3.00-3.30** Quandaries **6.00-6.30** Coast to Coast **10.35** Prisoner: *Cell Block H* **11.35** Agenda **12.05am** Employment Action! **12.10am** UFO **1.10** America's Top 10 **1.40** Sports Action **2.40** *Taxi* **3.10** *Company.* Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Man from UNCLE **6.00-6.30** Northern Life **10.35** Prisoner Cell Block H **11.35** Tales from the Darkside **12.05am** Epilogue **12.10-6.00** Jobfinder.

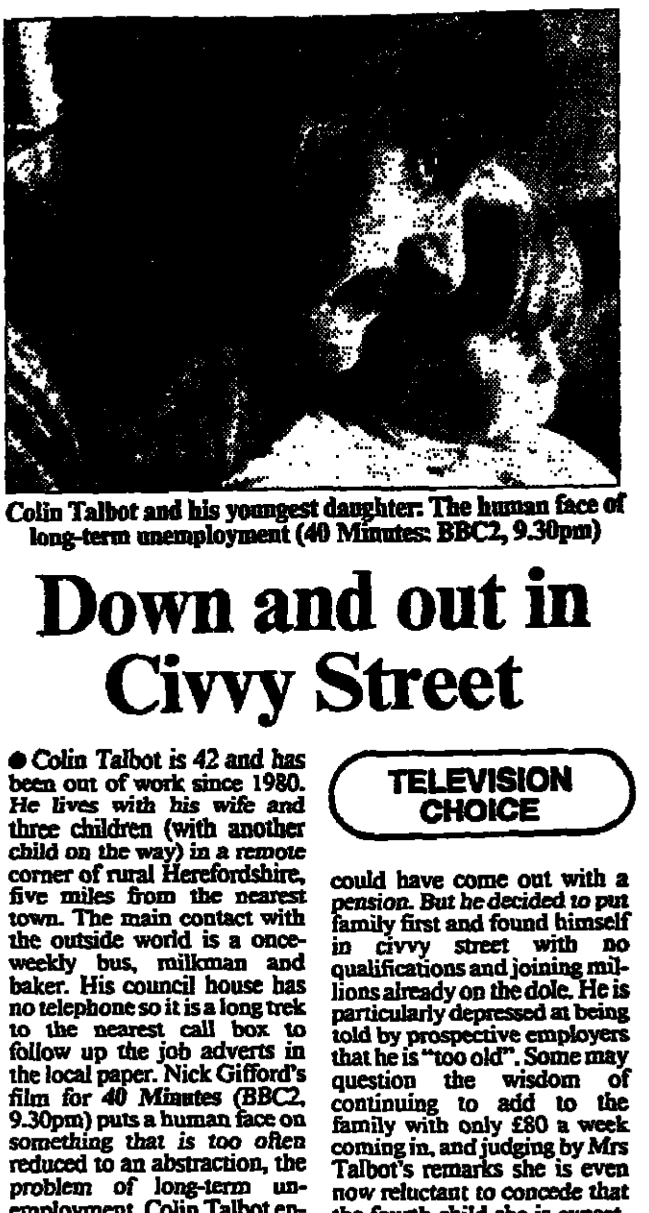
ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm** *Newstime* **1.30** Short Story Theatre **2.00-2.30** History of Grand Prix **3.30-4.00** Bygones **6.00** Six Tonight **6.20-6.30** Police Six **10.35** Counterpoint **11.05** Hunter **12.00** Burgundy **12.15am** Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** Lunchtime Live **1.20** *News* **1.30-2.30** *Country Practice* **6.00-6.30** Calendar **10.35** Hunter **11.35** Hammer House of Horror **12.30am** Film: *Tony Rome* **2.30** Jobfinder **3.30** Closedown.

S4C Starts: **10.15am** Film: First a Girl" **12.00** Just 4 Fun **12.30pm** Business Daily **1.00** Sesame Street **2.00** Parliament Programme **2.30** Racing **4.10** Ffalabalam **4.25** Hafoc **5.00** Family Ties **5.30** I Dream of Jeannie **6.00** Brookside **6.30** Moneyspinner **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Y Brodyr Gregory **8.00** Ffermio **8.35** Dinas **9.05** Rhagor O Wynt **9.35** Tabyrddau'r Nos **10.05** Hill Street Blues **11.00** Cavalleria Rusticana **12.30am** Film: Slave of Love **2.15** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: **3.00pm** 'Live' at Three **4.00** Dempsey's Den **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.35** Dilin O Deamhas **4.45** Fireman Sam **5.00** Campbells **5.30** Ten Minute Tales **5.45** News **6.00** Angelus **6.01** Newstime **6.20** Garda Patrol **6.30** Know Your Sport **7.00** Evening Extra **7.25** Video File **7.55** Last Place on Earth **9.00** News **9.30** Today Tonight **10.10** Cagney and Lacey **11.05** Bookside **11.35** News, Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts: **5.15pm** Emmerdale Farm **5.40** Laurel and Hardy" **6.00** Huckleberry Finn and Friends **6.30** Sullivans **7.00** Top of the Pops **7.30** Family Ties **8.00** Nuacht **8.10** Cursai **8.40** Mart and Market **8.45** Mailbag **9.00** Dynasty **9.55** The Grand Tour **10.25** Newsnight **10.45** Mastermind **11.20** Nightlight. Closedown.



Colin Talbot and his youngest daughter: The human face of long-term unemployment (40 Minutes: BBC2, 9.30pm)

Down and out in Civvy Street

TELEVISION CHOICE

● Colin Talbot is 42 and has been out of work since 1980. *He lives with his wife and* three children (with another child on the way) in a remote corner of rural Herefordshire, five miles from the nearest town. The main contact with the outside world is a once-weekly bus, milkman and baker. His council house has no telephone so it is a long trek to the nearest call box to follow up the job adverts in the local paper. Nick Gifford's film for *40 Minutes* (BBC2, 9.30pm) puts a human face on something *that is too often* reduced to an abstraction, the *problem* of long-term unemployment. Colin Talbot enjoys the time he can spend with his family but he would rather be at work bringing the money in. He says he finds it difficult sometimes to face his children and is conscious that his small daughter has never known her father to have a job. He was a machine gunner but gave up his army career because his wife could not stand service life. Had he stayed for a few more years, he could have come out with a *pension. But he decided to put* family first and found himself in civvy street with no qualifications and joining millions already on the dole. He is particularly depressed at being told by prospective employers that he is "too old". Some may question the wisdom of continuing to add to the family with only £80 a week coming in, and judging by Mrs Talbot's remarks she is even *now reluctant to concede that* the fourth child she is *expecting will be their last. On the* other hand the Talbots reckon *that the arrival of their* daughter gave them a new focus and helped to save a marriage that was coming apart. The resilience of the family is striking and so is Colin Talbot's determination not to take no for an answer.

Peter Waymark

BBC2

6.55 *Open University: Monetarism and Coal.* Ends at **7.20.**
9.00 Ceefax.
1.20 King Rollo (r). **1.25** What's Inside? (r). **1.35** Bugs Bunny cartoon **1.45** King of the Rocket Men (b/w). Episode 11 (of 12) and the *identity of Dr* Vulcan is revealed.
2.00 News and weather followed by Writer's Houses. Margaret Drabble visits the isolated Yorkshire *parsonage that* was home to the three Brontë sisters (r).
2.20 Stirring Stuff. A *40 Minutes* programme in tribute to Britain's national drink — *tea*. With contributions from tea-trolly ladies, the dancers and ladies who served the life-giving brew during the Blitz (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 News and weather followed by Wide World: Ascension Island. A *documentary about the tiny* island in the South Atlantic, its wildlife and the effect of man's arrival with plants, trees, non-native animal species and, *eventually, electronic equipment* to establish one of the world's most important communications centres (r).
3.50 News, regional news and weather.
4.00 Is There Something After Death?. In the fourth of six programmes about life after death Ean Begg, a Jungian analyst and psychotherapist, examines the Hindu scriptures *which claim that to reach* enlightenment takes many lifetimes. Is it possible, asks Begg, to discover past lives or prepare for those of the *future?*
4.25 Junior Darts. Three quarter-final matches in the Haywards Pickles British Youth championship, introduced by Tony Gubba.
5.00 My Music. Lighthearted music quiz set and presented by Steve Race. With Frank Muir, Denis Norden, John Amis and Ian Wallace (r).
5.25 The Travel Show Guide. The *first of a series six programmes* giving the facts behind travel brochures' glossy guides beginning with details of holidaying in Corfu (r).
6.00 Battlestar Galactica — Galactica 1980. The second of a two-part space adventure starring Lorne Greene.
6.50 Cartoon Two. *Harlem Wednesday.*
7.00 Cover to Cover. In this last of *the present series Jill Neville* talks to exile Russian writer Vladimir Voinovich about his satirical novel *Moscow 2042*, and to Robin Blackburn, author of the first book *on the overthrow of American* colonial slavery. There is also a discussion on *The Lantern Bearers*, a selection of Robert Louis Stevenson's essays.
7.30 Call My Bluff. *A new series* of the witty word game presented by Robert Robinson. This evening Frank Muir and Arthur Marshall are joined by Jan Leeming, Jeffrey Archer, Moira Anderson and Ian Ogilvy.
8.00 Top Gear from the National Motorcycle Museum, Solihull, where William Woollard tries to *discover if motorcycling can be* made safer without losing its *thrills and Paul Blezard test drives* the Swiss Oekomobil, a machine capable of 160 mph with low fuel consumption.
8.30 Nature, presented by Michael Buerk, *with reports on how the* Friends of the Earth are trying to stop Lizard Meadow near Norwich becoming part of the A11; why the Japanese are still eating whalemeat; and from the Isle of Islay where farmers are having to live with an area designated an SSSI by the Nature Conservancy Board.
9.00 Blackadder II. Edmund has to be on his best behaviour when his *rich* and saintly Aunt Whiteadder pays him a visit. Starring Rowan Atkinson and Miriam Margolyes (r).
9.30 40 Minutes: Who Needs a Machine Gunner? (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.10 Have Footlights — Will Travel. A documentary about the last three of the country's Yiddish actors (*first shown in the London* area).
10.40 Newsnight **11.25** Weather.
11.30 Open University: Weekend Outlook **11.35** Mathematics Foundation Course. Ends at **12.05am.**

CHANNEL 4

12.00 *Just 4 Fun: Helping Henry. For* children **12.15** Adventures in Letterland. The first of a new children's series.
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and *business news service presented* by Susannah Simons.
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school series. The guest is Danny DeVito.
2.00 The Parliament Programme presented by *Glyn Mathias and* Alastair Stewart. Reporters James Mates and Jackie Ashley review yesterday's debates in both Houses and look forward to those scheduled for today.
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces coverage of four races — the Remy Martin XO Maiden Stakes (2.35); the Charles Heidsieck Champagne *Craven Stakes (3.10); the* Remy Martin Cognac Handicap (3.40); and Ladbrokes' Boldboy Sprint Handicap (4.10).
4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's *winner is challenged by Margaret* Elliott from Richmond, Surrey.
5.00 Film: Shipyard Sally (1939, b/w) starring Gracie Fields and Sydney Howard. Musical comedy *about a Glasgow publican* who goes to London to try and persuade the owner of a threatened shipyard not to close down and put her customers out of work. *Directed by Monty* Banks.
6.30 The Sharp End *reports on* starting up your own business, focusing on a lady who began an *ironing service in Tilbury; and* from the north-east where *there is not enough modern* factory space for new investors.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Trevor McDonald and Nicholas Owen.
7.50 *Comment followed by* Weather.
8.00 A Love Affair With Nature. In this final programme of his series Edwin Mullins examines how art now *defines our relationship* with nature (r).
8.30 Treasure Hunt. Anneka Rice speeds over the Staffordshire countryside looking for hidden *treasure on the orders of the* studio-bound contestants Sandra Craig and Joan Simpson. (Oracle)

A happy ending for the Wades in The Agony and the Ecstasy (C4, 11.05pm)

9.30 Film on Four: Born of Fire (1987) starring Peter Firth, Suzan Crowley and Stefan Kalipha. A drama about Paul, a professional flautist, playing at London's Wigmore Hall, who finds his playing being taken over by sinister music from another *dimension*. A woman astronomer is drawn to the concert where she also hears the strange music. Afterwards they meet and Paul tells her of *the strange circumstances* of his flautist father's death when he went to Turkey to study breathing techniques under someone known as the Master Musician. *The woman urges Paul* to make the journey to Turkey. Directed by Jamil Dehlavi. (Oracle)
11.05 The Agony and the Ecstasy. A documentary about the range of treatment available to tackle *infertility*, a problem for which one in eight couples in this country seeks help (r).
12.30am Film: A Slave of Love (1976) starring Elena Solovei and Rodion Nakhapetov. A Russian-made comedy drama, set in the Crimea in 1917, about a film unit running short of money, knowing little about the *usurping* by the Bolsheviks of their masters in Moscow. *Directed* by Nikita Mikhalov. With English subtitles. Ends at **2.15.**

The heeded cry

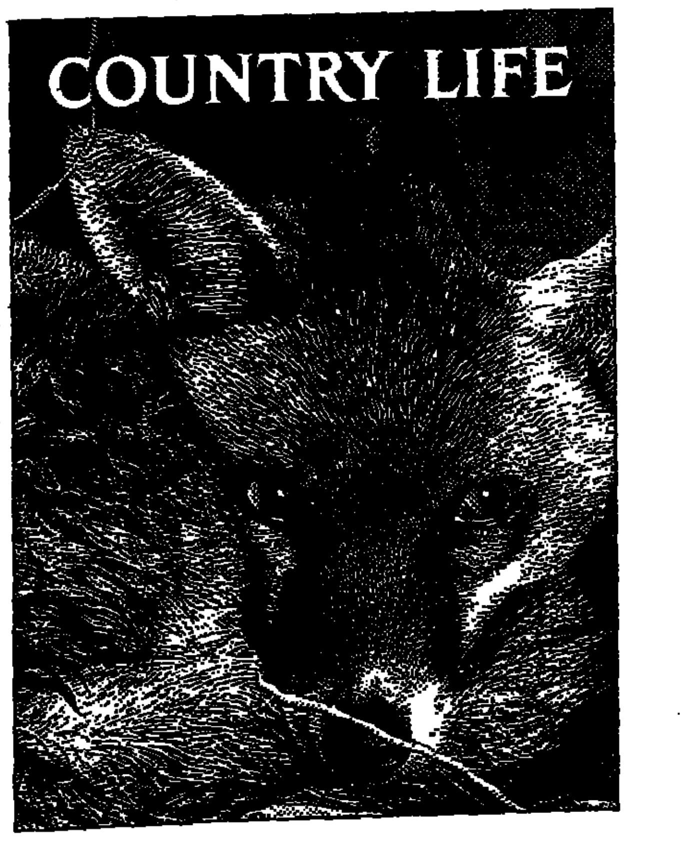
RADIO CHOICE

● Like many of us, Jean *Vanier*, ex-Naval *officer*, must have heard the chimes at *midnight*. But it was something else he heard, a "primal cry", that launched him on the humanitarian road most of us would not have dared even to set one foot on. He talks about that cry in **Conversation Piece** (Radio 4, 11.25am). It came from mentally handicapped patients in French institutions. "Do you love me? Will you be my friend!" Heeding the cry, he set up the first of his L'Arche communities, taking the patients out of asylums and psychiatric hospitals and setting up an approximation of a family unit in a French village. Now there are 90 such *communities, throughout* the world. There is something of *St Vincent de Paul in the quiet* certainty of his philosophy that "the source of life is in the poorest person". And where, outside James Hilton's Shangri-la are there places such as Vanier's "oases of peace where we are all trying to love each other and cherish the weakest person"?

● *Ingeniously plotted*, Peter Gibbs's **Arnold Smith Is Innocent** (Radio 4, 3pm) charts the name-clearing campaign of a borough architect, played by Steve Hodson, sacked for gross negligence over a block of council flats and simultaneously jobless, wifeless, cashless and homeless. It is a pity the play has to rely, for resolution, on the intervention of that cliché character, the investigative reporter.

Steve Hodson plays a sacked borough architect (R4, 3pm)

Peter Davalle



Landscape of Tomorrow

At his Eaton estate in Cheshire, the Duke of Westminster is setting the pace for progressive farming. This week Country Life describes the new landscape he is creating there – one that will continue to give pleasure as well as profit.

Also in this issue: ■ Day-and-night foxwatching. ■ Oriental jewellery in London. ■ Sensitive farming for the South Downs. ■ The future of eventing. ■ Balancing residents' and visitors' needs in Edinburgh Old Town. ■ The best of the hardy annuals.

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COUNTRY LIFE
OUT TODAY

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
5.30am Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Simon Mayo **9.00** The Hit Factory **10.00-12.00** Andy Kershaw. **VHF** Stereo Radio 1 and 2:- **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on **VHF** (see Radio 1)
News on the hour
4.00am Colin Berry **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** John Stalker **9.30** *Rice and Flowers* **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** *Adrian Love* **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** The News Huddlines **10.30** Star Sound Cinema (Nick Jackson) **11.00** Brian *Matthew presents* Round Midnight **1.00am** Patrick Lunt presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A *Little Night Music.*

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. *Add an hour for BST.* **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Great Love Duets **6.40** The Farming World **7.00** World News **7.09** Twenty-four Hours **7.30** Juke Box Dury **7.45** Network UK **8.00** World News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Country Style **8.30** John Peel **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Society Today **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Assignment **10.30** *Londres Midi* **11.00** World News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** New Ideas **11.25** A Letter From England **11.30** Citizens **12.00** *Radio Newsreel* **12.15** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** *Folk in Britain* **2.00** *Outlook*, opening with World News **2.45** Write On ...**3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** The Pleasure's Yours **4.00** World News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Soir **5.30** German Newsreel **6.00** Programmes in German **7.0** Outlook, opening with News Summary **7.30** Stock Market Report **7.45** *Here's Humph!* **8.00** World News **8.09** Twenty-four Hours **8.30** Meridian **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Talking From ... **9.15** *A Jolly Good Show* **10.00** World News **10.09** The World Today **10.25** A Letter From England **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Seven Seas **11.30** Great Love Duets **11.40** The Farming World **12.00** World News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Music Now **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Folk in Britain **1.45** Talking From ... **2.00** World News **2.09** Commentary **2.15** Tech Talk **2.30** Citizens **3.00** World News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Six Four Eight News **3.35** Financial News **3.45** German Topical Programme **4.45** The World Today **5.09** World News and Twenty-four Hours **5.30** Londres Matin.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, News
7.00 Morning Concert: Sullivan, arr Mackerras (Pineapple Poll: RPO under Mackerras); Liszt (Paganini *Study No 5 in E (1838* version): Nikolai Petrov, piano); Brahms (Alto Rhapsody, Op 53: LPO under Boult, with Janet Baker, *mezzo-soprano, and* John Alldis Choir)
7.30 News
7.35 Concert *contd: Weber* (Konzerstück in F minor, Op 79: Philharmonia under Galliera with Claudio Arrau, piano); Shostakovich (Ballet *Suite, The Age of Gold*, Op 22: LPO under Haitink); Gerswhin, arr Grainger (*Love Walked In: Daniel* Adni, piano); McPhail/Michels (San: London Sinfonietta under Rattle); Bernstein (Prelude, Fugue and Riffs: London Sinfonietta under Rattle with Michael Collins, clarinet, and Peter Donohoe, *piano*)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Clementi and Hummel. Clementi (Sonata in B *minor*, Op 40 No 2: *Melvyn* Tan, fortepiano; Sonatina in C, Op 36 No 1: Richard Burnett, square piano; and Sonata in G minor, Op 34 No 2: Christopher Kite, square piano); Hummel (Theme and Variations in F: ECO under Leppard with Heinz Holliger, oboe)
9.35 Kabalevsky: Recording of Musical sketches: Romeo and Juliet, Op 55: Moscow SO under Kitaenko
10.10 Schubert: Piano recital by *Martin Roscoe of Adagio* in E (D612); Hungarian Melody in B minor (D 817); and Sonata in D (D 850)
10.55 Nash Ensemble: Bax's *Nonet; Debussy's Sonata* for flute, viola and harp; and Malipiero's Sonata a cinque, for flute, harp and strings (r)
11.50 Orchestrated by Schoenberg: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Yuval Zaliouk, with Susan Salm, cello, perform M G Monn's Cello Concerto in G minor and Brahms's Piano Quartet in G minor
1.00 News
1.05 Piano Duets by Schumann and Brahms: Peter Noke and Helen Krizos perform Schumann's Six *Impromptus: Bilder aus* Osten, Op 66; and Brahms's Waltzes, Op 39
2.15 Hercules: Three-act musical drama by Handel with the *Monteverdi Choir, and* English Baroque Soloists under John Eliot Gardiner

American pianist and writer Charles Rosen (R3, 7.05pm)

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: presented by Eric Hancock
6.30 Bandstand: Parc and Dare (*NFD*) *Band under Nigel* Seaman perform Charles Maynard's Introduction; John Golland's *Lesser* Thorns; and Gilbert Vinter's James Cook — Circumnavigator
7.00 News
7.05 *Third Ear: Michael Hall talks* to the American pianist and writer, Charles Rosen
7.30 Early and Late Lutyens: BBC Singers under James Wood, with Lowri Blake, cello, perform Motet: Excerpta tractatus logico-philosophici, Op 27 (1952); and The Roots of the World, Op 136 (1979)
8.00 Matthew Arnold: Christopher Ricks, professor of English at Boston University, examines the Victorian's work as a literary critic
8.20 Hallé Orchestra: Performance of Roberto Gerhard's Violin Concerto and Bruckner's Symphony No 5 in B flat. Conductor is *Stanislaw Skrowaczewski*, with Erich Gruenberg, violin
10.15 Music in our Time: First broadcasts of Dominic Muldowney's and Michael *Rosenzweig's Sinfoniettas*, two works commissioned and performed by the London Sinfonietta under Diego Masson
11.00 Composers of the Week: Tchaikovsky. Recordings of Cantata Moscow, and Concert Fantasy (r)
12.00 News
12.05 Wolf 88: Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, baritone, with *Daniel Barenboim, piano*, sings Auf ein altest Bild.
12.10 Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo *on VHF*
5.55 am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** *News* **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** *Yesterday in Parliament* **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Punters: An opportunity for members of the public to make their own *investigative* radio programme. With Nigel Farrell and Susan Marling
9.45 Journey Round My People: The last *of five programmes* made by Jamaican-born Ferdi Dennis visiting black *communities* in *Britain*: Brixton (r)
10.00 News; The Natural History Programme; wildlife news presented by Jessica Holm and Lionel Kelleway
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Citizens (s)
11.25 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor in conversation with Jean Vanier, founder of l'Arche Communities for the mentally handicapped (see Choice)
11.50 Smith and Son: Phil Smith presents the third of six revelations about being a father for the first time
12.00 News; *You and Yours* with John Howard reports on the increase of bogus invoices
12.25 Flying the Flag: Comedy by Alex Shearer starring Dinsdale Landen as the ambassador at one of HM Embassies in a far-flung people's republic (6 of 8) (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 *The World at One:* presented by Gordon Clough
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: *includes a feature on* premonitions, an interview with Marjorie Mowlam MP on her return from the West Bank and with Anamaria Wills, director of a new theatre in Basildon; plus *part eight of the serial* Dangerous in Love
3.00 News; Arnold Smith is Innocent: Peter Gibbs's play about a man who loses his job, his wife and *his home* — all on the same day. With Steve Hodson and Polly James (s) (see Choice)
4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde talks to Shirley du Boulay about *Tutu: Voice of the Voiceless*, her biography of Archbishop Desmond Tutu
4.35 Kaleidoscope (r)
5.00 PM: presented by Robert *Williams and Frances* Coverdale **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News, incl Financial Report
6.30 Brain of Britain 1988 (new series): Robert Robinson chairs the nationwide *general-knowledge quiz* played this week by contestants from London (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Any Answers?: An opportunity to raise some of the subjects tackled in last *week's Any Questions?*
7.30 From Raj to Rajiv: Forty Years of Independence. The BBC's Delhi Correspondent Mark Tully charts India's progress since the British left. (3) Betrayal by Bureaucracy — why the *benefits of India's* technological revolution have not reached the poor (r)
8.15 Anatomy of an Epidemic: In the light of the World Health Organisation's latest estimate that three million people *will* develop Aids during the next five years, Geoff Watts examines current ideas about the future of the epidemic
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? A magazine of special interest to the disabled. Presented by Kati Whitaker
9.30 Phil Smith visits the BBC Sound Archives (r)
9.45 Kaleidoscope: includes *reviews of Moscow 2042* by exiled writer Vladimir Voinovich and of a production of *Swan Lake* in Bradford; plus an art gallery *round up*
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: A Clergyman's Daughter by George Orwell (4 of 10) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News, incl **12.20** Weather
12.33 Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except: **1.55-2.00** pm Listening Corner (s) **5.50-5.55** PM (*contd*) **11.30-12.10** am Open University **11.30** Mathematics: Solving Inequalities **11.50** Arts Review: A Marxist Testimony

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Dukakis admits he would hit first

From Charles Bremner
New York

If the Soviet Union invaded Western Europe, President Michael Dukakis would be ready to launch a first nuclear strike, the Democratic presidential contender confided yesterday. The remark brought instant retaliation from Senator Albert Gore, his self-appointed New York nemesis.

Mr Dukakis, reborn as the campaign front-runner, gave his unusually detailed response to the nuclear question in an interview with the *Daily News*. According to the paper, Mr Dukakis said he "could conceive of a scenario of using nuclear weapons — if the Soviets invaded Europe and conventional weapons failed to stop them".

"I don't think it's going to happen," he told the *News*. "But we've got to be prepared to use nuclear force. Obviously with great restraint, only when there seems to be no other alternative.'

Candidates usually steer clear of such hypothesizing, but the remark was typical of the Massachusetts governor, who likes to talk straight and has a habit of making foreign-policy gaffes.

Mr Gore, the underdog candidate who has staked his all on goading Mr Dukakis and carving out a chunk of the Jewish vote, said that the governor had fallen into "the trap of spelling out in advance when the United States of America would use the awesome power contained in our nuclear arsenal. Governor Dukakis made a significant mistake. That's unwise and irresponsible."

Cool reasoning..............9

Mr Dukakis, a strong arms control enthusiast, also said he would use military force if communist forces crossed the West German border or the 38th parallel in Korea.

The nuclear flurry served one useful purpose — turning the New York campaign from the Middle East, the issue that has dominated it for 10 days. The state votes on Tuesday for 275 delegates, the highest count after California, which has its primary in June.

Mr Dukakis, who is estimated to lead in New York with more than 40 per cent of the vote against about 32 per cent for the Rev Jesse Jackson, has been thrown on to the defensive on Israel and other foreign issues.

In a city where the Democratic contenders traditionally pander to the heavy Jewish vote, he gave a less than enthusiastic appraisal of Israel to Jewish leaders and faltered on details.

The technocrat-governor gave a run-down of his foreign plans in a full-page interview in *The New York Times* yesterday, but skirted the nuclear issue.

Mr Jackson, who is surveying the Gore-Dukakis baiting game with statesmanlike detachment, stayed out of yesterday's round of the underdog-fight.

Electric Lightning flies into history

A formation of F6 Lightnings flying over the cannibalized shells of counterparts at RAF Binbrook yesterday after it was announced that the aicraft would end service as a frontline defence fighter on April 30. The first English Electric Lightning was delivered to the RAF in 1959(Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Hijack deadlock raises doubts

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might complicate and compromise my government's efforts."

According to informed sources here, the Algerian authorities are determined not to rush matters. They are acutely aware that the eyes of the world are now focused on Hourari Boumedien airport. They are said to be utterly determined to prevent any further bloodshed, and there is said to be no question whatsoever of an attempt to take the jet by force.

The Algerians are extremely proud of their growing reputation as skilful and trustworthy negotiators in the tense and uncertain conditions that now confront them.

As for the passengers aboard the jet, their ordeal continues. It is impossible to say how the passengers' morale is holding up. The sun is beating down, the nights are bitterly cold, the terrible uncertainty remains.

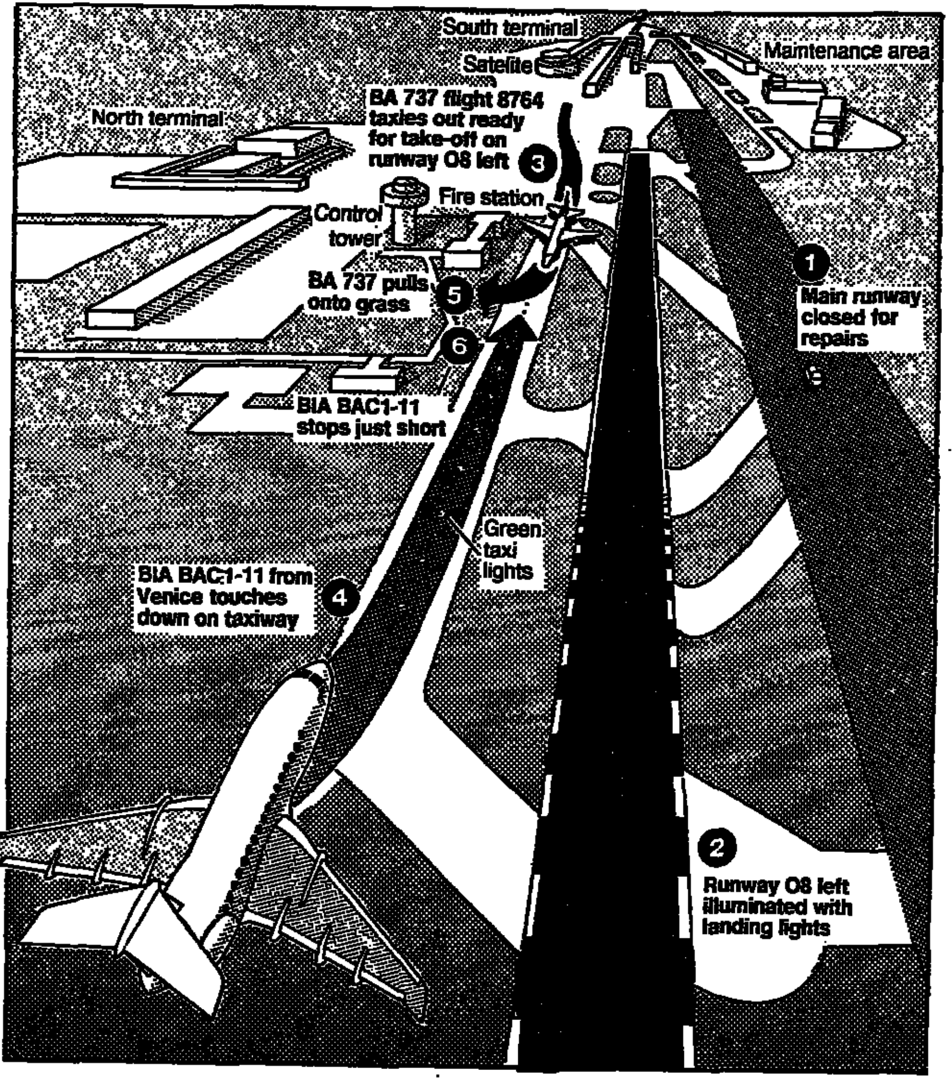
As at Larnaca, the most striking aspect of events yesteday was the utter normality of life around the hijacked jet. The military presence, such as it is, is limited to a handful of armoured cars parked a respectable distance away.

There were no armed troops on the tarmac, no marksmen on the balconies: even the small army of police were the souls of politeness, if not discretion.

In spite of rumours of a basic understanding having been reached during the hijackers' negotiations with PLO officials and Algerian government representatives in Larnaca, the indications here are that nothing firm is actually on the table yet. The Algerian Foreign Minister's cautious assessment tends to confirm this, as do local diplomatic sources.

The word here is that Mr al-Usaimi's delegation has firmly underlined Kuwait's refusal to contemplate anything that could be interpreted as a climbdown. Reports that the Kuwaiti authorities might be considering lifting the death sentences now hanging over several of their prisoners are certainly being discounted

● Both the British and US governments, and the International Air Transport Association, were unhappy with the Cypriot Government's decision to allow the hijacked plane to leave Larnaca for Algeria (Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent, writes).


South terminal
Satellite
Maintenance area
North terminal
BA 737 flight 8764 taxies out ready for take-off on runway 08 left
3
Fire station
Control tower
BA 737 pulls onto grass
5
6
1
Main runway closed for repairs
BIA BAC1-11 stops just short
Green taxi lights
BIA BAC1-11 from Venice touches down on taxiway
4
2
Runway 08 left illuminated with landing lights

Gatwick near-miss baffles authorities

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about 100 yards short of where the Rhodes flight had been.

Captain Freddie Yetman, technical director of the British Air Line Pilots Association, said last night:It is frankly incomprehensible. The emergency runway is perfectly acceptable and has all the proper equipment. Every pilot knows that it is out of action at night while it is being resurfaced. What happened was a total aberration."

Group Captain John Tritton, of the Guild of Air Pilots and Navigators, said: "It is the pilot's job to make sure the runway is clear."

He said: "It is true that there is a problem that one of Europe's busiest airports has only one runway and that when it is closed aircraft have to land on the emergency runway. Obviously, we would like to see a second runway built. But it still does not explain what happened."

Other pilots suggested that the glare from the terminal, the closure of the main runway and the need to "aim left" could have confused the British Island air crew.

A Civil Aviation Authority spokesman said: "The BIA aircraft had been cleared to land on the emergency runway but the pilot landed on the adjoining taxiway. All the circumstances must be looked into to see why this occurred and what needs to be done to make sure it doesn't happen again."

Since last month, every pilot landing at Gatwick has known that the main runway, with its sophisticated instrument landing system and full landing lights, was out of action and that the alternative runway was in use.

This has a series of approach lights, including two high-powered flashing strobe lights at its perimeter, a line of green lights running across it to indicate the threshold, a series of white lights at its edge and precision approach position indicators which change colour depending on the aircraft's glide path. It is surfaced in black bitumen and is 46 metres wide. The taxiway is surfaced in light-coloured concrete.

There is a row of bright green lights down the centre of the taxiway to guide taxiing aircraft.

Commons sketch

Chained MP cries forth for freedom

Mr Eric Forth is the Conservative Member for Mid-Worcestershire. A lean, aggressive man, he is particularly attracted to those causes which carry with them the promise of personal unpopularity of the darkest hue. Such causes he defends with the words "freedom of choice", an expression which seems to cover everything anyone has ever felt inclined to get up to.

It seems possible that Mr Forth would even defend the seizure and cooking of kiddies' puppies on the grounds that it extends the freedom of choice of gourmets, the freedom of choice of parents to exert influence over their children's pets and the freedom of choice of the puppy to be served up as a mouth-watering fricassee.

And while the Opposition yelled and hissed, and his fellow Conservatives shifted uneasily in their seats, Mr Forth would grin wildly, baring his carniverous teeth in the manner of the most terrifying pantomime villain.

He is not only the man you love to hate; he is also the man who loves you to hate him. He most often sits somewhere near the centre of the Conservative benches, his legs apart, his arms drooping in between, rather in the manner of one of the more primitive members of the Flintstone family. He has close-cropped wiry black hair which juts into his forehead giving his face the appearance of Count Dracula. He carries three gold rings on his fingers — possibly four, though the last one might just be an excessively polished knuckle — and the gold motif is carried on to the chains which hump and sag across his waistcoat. Confronted by Mr Forth, the most bloodthirsty alsatian would throw itself to the floor and beg for mercy.

For these reasons, it came as no surprise when Mr Forth took it upon himself to rant against a motion proposed by Ms Clare Short seeking to make illegal "the display of pictures of naked or partially naked women in sexually provocative poses in newspapers". Ms Short had cogently argued her case.

When she cited cases clearly detailing the encouragement such pornography had given to rapists and child abusers, even the heartiest, most gung-ho Tories seemed to look a trifle awkward, emitting an uncharacteristic silence.

But not so Mr Forth. "An intolerant measure", Forth frothed, "typical of the authoritarianism of the modern Labour Party". He pointed his finger at the Labour benches time and time again, his chains clanging, the fury of his language tempered only by the transparent glee he always takes in becoming the centre of attention. "What this is really about", he pointed away, "and why it upsets the members opposite, is freedom of choice!"

He spoke of the choice of "young ladies who choose to exploit their assets" before leaping head first on to far dodgier ground, becoming a cross between Mad Max and Sir Harold Acton by screaming about "the honourable place of the nude in the history of art and sculpture" at the top of his voice.

"Name one painting!" screamed Mr Brian Sedgemore, himself a poet of extremely mean repute.

"The Kiss by Rodin", returned Mr Forth, naming a sculpture, "is generally accepted as a great work of art". He then cited Titian and Rubens, though he failed to mention the exact date on which he had seen their bubbly, scorching works spread over the pages of the popular press.

"What indeed is a sexually provocative pose?" Forth boomed forth. "Maybe the Honourable Lady can identify a sexually provocative pose when she sees one, but...". Under the roar from Members opposite, his message seemed to be that both he and the vast majority of ordinary, decent people could not.

With a flurry of grossly irresponsibles and flies in the faces, Mr Eric Forth returned to his seat, a torrent of triumph seething through his teeth. A vote was taken. As Mr Forth and his seconder, Mr Jerry Hayes, stood together awaiting the verdict against them, political commentators tried to understand why it should be that the two worst-dressed men in the House should be the most vociferous advocates of pornographic pictures. Perhaps the connection is not so very hard to make.

Craig Brown

Food trolleys hid arms

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fortunate man — and this is because I believe in God."

According to another freed hostage, all but one of those released at Larnaca were Shia Muslims, which is believed to the sect to which all seven hijackers belong. The gunmen only discovered the religious denomination of the twelfth man when he was leaving the plane.

"He had reached the doorway and one of the men with a hood on suddenly realized that the passenger had a cross tattooed behind his wrist," another freed hostage said. "We could not see the reaction of the hooded man. He suddenly asked, 'What is your religion?' The man replied 'I am a Christian Copt'. I guess the hijacker could not do anything then."

That the weapons were put on board the aircraft in airline food containers did not surprise one security officer for a major Western airline, who was specially posted to Larnaca to observe the hijack. "In Third World countries, junior airline staff and baggage handlers are paid very low wages and it is easy for someone to bribe poor people," he said.

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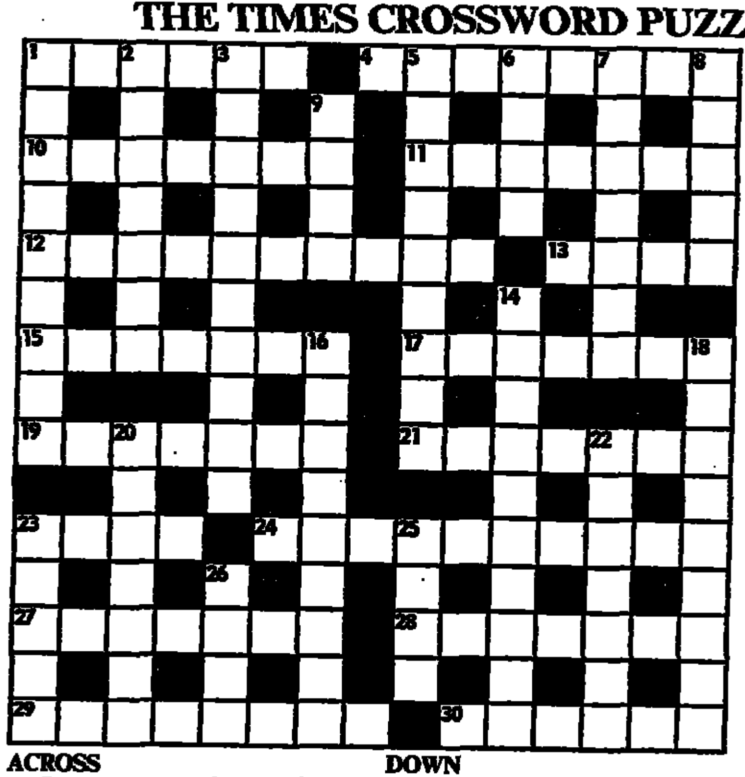

ACROSS

1 Start on course without refreshment, we hear (3,3).
4 Withdrew action when settlement admitted (8).
10 A tour we arranged to last longer (7).
11 Huntsman twice repeating gospel (7).
12 Common law man in the flying squad? (10).
13 Extremely light (4).
15 Secure employment in broadcasting organisation (7).
17 Time to make melody, taking off the record (7).
19 Noticed ambassador with bottle opener inside drinking establishment (7).
21 Dickensian needing no notes after thus accepting credit (7).
23 Highly placed idols of the theatre (4).
24 I am going before top part of the building is let (10).
27 Kind of music absorbing pussy's companion is fitting for boat trip (7).
28 Send out carpet with reverse backing included (7).
29 Productive activity needing plant and flower experiment (8).
30 He runs daily (6).

DOWN

1 Music makers produce sombre tone, mostly inharmonious (9).
2 Put in charge of part of field event, rustic style (7).
3 His takings are illicit in the main (10).
5 Puts ginger in spirits to blend — some cocktail! (9).
6 Competent student in Lincoln (4).
7 Ceremonial display, one that is uplifting in Italy (7).
8 Fine macaroni (5).
9 To move briskly when climbing is wrong (4).
14 Just like Bill Brewer and companions (4-6).
16 Chief manufacturer in Warwick, perhaps (9).
18 Large stand needed for gathering of stars (5,4).
20 Provided with means to wind up incurred debts (7).
22 Bill enters Open to play without restraint (7).
23 Maxim for a writer (5).
25 Nobleman in real trouble (4).
26 Vessel in support of airman seen in ditch (4).

Concise crossword, page 13

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

POSADA
a. A fiancée
b. A hotel
c. A conundrum

EMBOUCHURE
a. A titbit
b. A swamp
c. Position of the mouth

COMINT
a. A joint currency
b. Spying
c. A herb

MYS
a. An artist
b. A close call
c. Mind Your Step

Answers on page 20, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,642

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MEDICINEBALL■■■
A■O■A■O■A■O■C■C
CONTINENT■VIOLA
A■O■R■L■A■E■N■M
BARING■OVERSTEP
R■■■G■■■I■■■A■U
ESCROW■SAWBONES
■■O■R■A■N■O■G■■
BIGAMOUS■IMPORT
U■I■■■T■■■B■■■I
TETRAPOD■TASSIE
A■A■R■C■B■R■T■B
NITRE■ROUNDGAME
E■E■C■A■R■O■I■A
■■■BATTERINGRAM
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WEATHER

A clear, frosty start in many regions. The south-east will be mostly sunny and quite warm by the afternoon. Western and northern regions will be more cloudy. Some early rain in the far north of Scotland. Rain is likely to spread from the west into Northern Ireland and some western regions later in the day. Outlook: rather unsettled with rain at times. Brighter and warm at times in the east and south.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	13	55	c	Madrid	18	64	c
Alex'dria	19	66	f	Malta	21	70	s
Algiers	23	73	f	Mexico C*	17	63	c
Amst'dm	8	46	s	Miami*	25	77	f
Athens	19	66	s	Milan	14	57	f
Bahrain	28	82	s	Montreal*	12	54	s
Barcelna	18	64	s	Moscow	7	45	c
Belgrade	14	57	r	Munich	8	46	r
Berlin	7	45	c	Nairobi	25	77	f
Bermuda*	21	70	c	Naples	17	63	f
Biarritz	14	57	s	N Delhi	36	97	s
Borde'x	15	59	c	N York*	13	55	f
Brussels	8	46	f	Oslo	6	43	s
Budapst	13	55	c	Paris	10	50	s
B Aires*	20	68	s	Peking	20	68	s
Cairo	24	75	s	Perth	25	77	c
Chicago*	13	55	s	Prague	8	46	r
Ch'church	14	57	s	Reykjvik	3	37	s
Cologne	8	46	f	Rio de J	26	79	c
C'phagn	8	46	s	Riyadh	32	90	c
Corfu	16	61	f	Rome	17	63	f
Dublin	9	48	f	Salzburg	8	46	r
Dubrovnik	13	55	c	S F'risco*	17	63	f
Faro	20	68	s	Santiago*	24	75	s
Frankfurt	8	46	f	Sing'por	29	84	r
Geneva	11	52	c	St'kholm	6	43	f
Gibraltar	23	73	f	Strasb'rg	8	46	r
Helsinki	2	36	sn	Sydney	24	75	s
Hong K	21	70	c	Tangier	21	70	s
Innsbrck	11	52	r	Tel aviv	21	70	c
Istanbul	13	55	f	Tokyo	17	63	r
Karachi	36	97	s	Vanc'ver*	12	54	s
L Palmas	21	70	s	Venice	13	55	c
Le Tquet	9	48	f	Vienna	13	55	r
Lisbon	17	63	c	Warsaw	15	59	s
Locarno	15	59	c	Wash'ton*	9	48	c
L Angels*	18	64	f	Wel'nton	13	55	c
Luxembg	6	43	f	Zurich	10	50	r

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.34	6.5	1.15	7.1
Aberdeen	12.27	3.9	12.27	4.1
Avonmouth	6.20	12.4	6.50	12.7
Belfast	10.11	3.4	10.41	3.2
Cardiff	6.05	11.5	6.35	11.8
Devonport	5.01	5.2	5.36	5.3
Dover	10.21	6.2	10.38	6.4
Falmouth	4.31	5.0	5.06	5.1
Glasgow	—	—	12.03	4.6
Harwich	11.09	3.8	11.21	3.6
Holyhead	9.26	5.4	10.00	5.3
Hull	5.40	6.9	5.35	7.2
Ilfracombe	5.09	8.5	5.25	8.6
Leith	1.39	5.2	1.52	5.4
Liverpool	10.24	9.1	10.56	9.1
Lowestoft	8.54	2.2	8.33	2.3
Margate	11.27	4.6	11.26	4.6
Milford Haven	5.21	6.7	5.49	6.7
Newquay	4.15	6.7	4.42	6.7
Oban	5.13	3.9	5.42	3.6
Penzance	4.04	5.3	4.37	5.4
Portland	5.48	1.9	6.40	1.9
Portsmouth	10.30	4.4	11.04	4.7
Shoreham	10.25	5.9	10.53	6.3
Southampton	10.00	4.3	10.32	4.6
Swansea	5.30	9.0	5.58	9.1
Tees	2.57	5.0	3.01	5.2
W'ton-on-Nze	11.02	4.0	11.14	3.9

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are BST

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.1	-	11	52	cloudy
Bridlington	2.9	-	11	52	cloudy
Cromer	1.8	-	9	48	cloudy
Lowestoft	6.0	-	11	52	bright
Clacton	11.6	-	12	54	sunny
Margate	8.5	-	11	52	sunny
Folkestone	12.0	-	13	55	sunny
Hastings	11.1	-	14	57	sunny
Brighton	12.2	-	14	57	sunny
Worthing	12.3	-	15	59	sunny
Littlehmptn	12.0	-	15	59	sunny
Bognor R	12.3	-	15	59	sunny
Sandown	10.7	-	14	57	sunny
Bournemth	12.0	-	17	63	sunny
Weymouth	11.6	-	16	61	sunny
Exmouth	9.7	-	15	59	sunny
Torquay	7.2	-	15	59	sunny
Falmouth	7.1	-	14	57	bright
Penzance	9.8	-	15	59	sunny
Scilly Isles	10.3	-	13	55	sunny
Newquay	8.2	-	16	61	sunny
Ilfracombe	*	-	13	55	sunny
Minehead	8.0	-	14	57	sunny
Morecambe	11.5	-	12	54	sunny
Douglas	*	-	11	52	sunny
Carlisle	-	.03	6	43	rain
Nottingham	3.4	-	11	52	bright
Tenby	9.5	-	14	57	sunny
Aberdeen	-	-	5	41	dull
Aviemore	-	.02	3	37	snow
Kinloss	0.9	.01	5	41	cloudy
Lerwick	7.0	.07	6	43	snow
Stornoway	7.9	-	5	41	sunny
Wick	5.0	-	5	41	sunny

* Denotes figures not available
These are Tuesday's figures

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.57	2.43
Austria Sch	22.70	21.60
Belgium Fr	67.95	64.55
Canada $	2.375	2.255
Denmark Kr	12.41	11.81
Finland Mkk	7.79	7.39
France Fr	10.99	10.44
Germany Dm	3.23	3.07
Greece Dr	260	240
Hong Kong $	14.87	14.12
Ireland Pt	1.21	1.15
Italy Lira	2385	2275
Japan Yen	243	231
Netherlands Gld	3.615	3.445
Norway Kr	12.03	11.43
Portugal Esc	262.25	249.25
South Africa Rd	4.50	4.08
Spain Pta	214	203
Sweden Kr	11.37	10.82
Switzerland Fr	2.675	2.545
USA $	1.925	1.835
Yugoslavia Dnr	3050	2450

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 103.7 (February)

London: The *FT* index closed up 1.3 at 1435.8.

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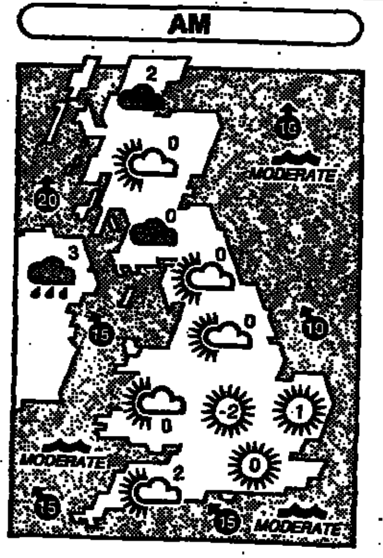

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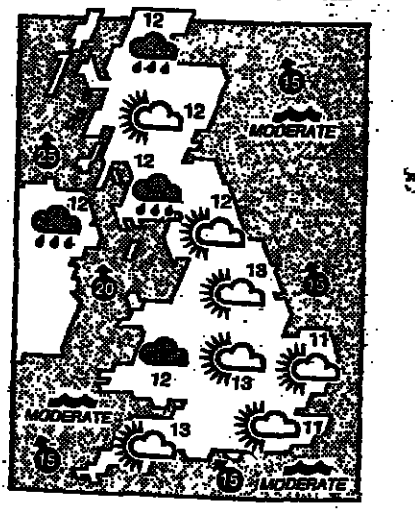

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 6 pm, 45 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 12.3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1028.9 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F) ; min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 7.3hr.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Bournemouth, Cardiff, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: St Louis Observatory, Jersey, 0.29in; highest sunshine: Bognor Regis and Worthing, West Sussex, and Hayling Island, Hampshire, 12.3hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.26 pm to 5.35 am
Bristol 8.36 pm to 5.44 am
Edinburgh 8.48 pm to 5.37 am
Manchester 8.38 pm to 5.39 am
Penzance 8.45 pm to 5.59 am

Sun rises: 6.07 am
Sun sets: 7.56 pm
Moon rises 5.20 am
Moon sets 5.32 pm
New Moon April 16

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	10	50	s	Guernsey	9	48	s
B'rmgham	7	45	f	Inverness	9	48	s
Blackpool	8	46	f	Jersey	10	50	s
Bristol	10	50	s	London	9	48	s
Cardiff	11	52	s	M'chster	7	45	c
Edinburgh	9	48	s	Newcastle	8	46	s
Glasgow	10	50	f	R'nldsway	8	46	s

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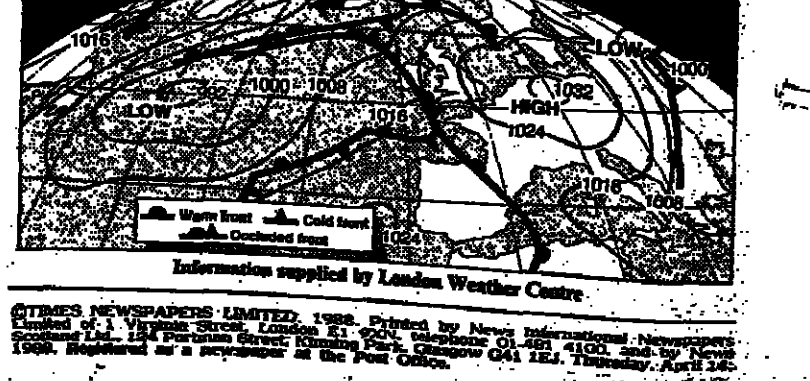

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1435.0 (+1.3)

FT-SE 100
1810.4 (+5.1)

Bargains
23497 (24173)

USM (Datastream)
148.14 (+0.71)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.8430 (-0.0085)

W German mark
3.1147 (-0.0097)

Trade-weighted
77.5 (-0.2)

Exchange support for dollar

By Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

Attention switched back from sterling to the dollar in foreign exchange markets yesterday. Optimism about today's US trade figures supported the American currency, and despite weakening in later trading it closed in London up 0.27 pfennigs against the mark at DM1.69.

Dealers are hoping for a smaller trade deficit than the $12.4 billion (£6.72 billion) recorded for January. But the higher than expected rise in retail sales of 0.8 per cent in March, announced yesterday, cooled enthusiasm for the currency.

The pound closed down 0.85 cents at $1.8430 and 0.79 pfennigs at DM3.1155.

Matthews cut

Mr Bernard Matthews, chairman of the turkey and red meat producer company, had his salary cut by £44,395 last year. Mr Matthews received £263,829, compared with £308,224 in the previous year. He is paid on a formula geared to profits, which were lower at £14 million.

Bentalls rises

Bentalls, which is planning a £130 million redevelopment of its store in Kingston upon Thames in conjunction with Norwich Union, yesterday reported a profit before tax of £4.8 million for last year, up 26 per cent. Earnings a share rose 28 per cent to 7.12p.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2098.31 (-11.77)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	26985.55 (+54.71)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2671.24 (+35.30)
Amsterdam: Gen	253.7 (+1.5)
Sydney: AO	1461.9 (+14.2)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1414.9 (-8.9)
Brussels:	
General	4738.9 (+24.2)
Paris: CAC	301.9 (+5.9)
Zurich: SKA Gen	457.3 (+5.7)
London:	
FT.—A All-Share	928.13 (+2.97)
FT.—"500"	1022.88 (+3.73)
FT. Gold Mines	220.7 (-0.2)
FT. Fixed interest	98.04 (+0.3)
FT. Govt Secs	91.09 (+0.02)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Rowntree	622½p (+146p)
RHM	330p (+14p)
AG Stanley	228p (+24p)
United Biscuits	266p (+10p)
Telephone Rentals	214½p (+10p)
AC	387½p (+25p)
FAI	191p (+11p)
Bassett Foods	215½p (+10p)
Shandwick	485p (+10p)
Cadburys	275½p (+11p)
Daejan	965p (+15p)
Brake Bros	194½p (+10p)
Stakis	113½p (+10p)
Time Products	186½p (+21p)
Tyndall Holdings	155½p (+11p)
Ranger	332½p (+15p)
FALLS:	
Calor Group	392½p (-191p)
WPP	519½p (-13p)
VSEL	502½p (-10p)
Brown Shipley	400p (-10p)
Closing prices	

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8%
3-month Interbank 8¼-8$\frac{3}{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: 7$\frac{27}{32}$-7$\frac{25}{32}$% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 6$\frac{9}{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.86-5.84%*
30-year bonds 101$\frac{1}{16}$-101$\frac{3}{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8430	£: $1.8395*
£: DM3.1147	$: DM1.6925*
£: SwFr2.5784	$: SwFr1.4035*
£: FFr10.5512	$: FFr5.7375*
£: Yen232.49	$: Yen126.30*
£: Index:77.5	$: Index:93.5
ECU £0.664971	SDR £0.740858

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $448.50 pm-$449.35
close $449.75-450.25 (£243.75-244.25)
New York:
Comex $449.00-449.50*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (May) pm $16.60bbl ($16.65)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Suchard raid on Rowntree

Swiss spend £160m in lifting stake to 14.9%

By Cliff Feltham

Rowntree, the Kit Kat and Aero confectionery group, was faced with the threat of a full-scale takeover bid last night after Jacobs Suchard, the Swiss chocolate group, launched a "dawn raid" aimed at acquiring 25 per cent of the company.

Suchard took its stake to 14.9 per cent in a 60-minute buying spree costing more than £160 million and said it intended to return as soon as possible to increase the holding to 25 per cent. But it said it had no intention of launching a full bid unless a rival appeared first.

The Swiss group, best known for its Toblerone chocolate, acquired its stake at prices up to 630p — the maximum price level it has set on further purchases.

Rowntree shares soared from an overnight 477p to close at 626p, a gain of 149p, valuing the business at more than £1.3 billion.

The pre-emptive strike by Suchard was immediately condemned by Rowntree, which described the action as "unwelcome" and said the price was "wholly inadequate" for a company with its range of internationally-known brands.

"We regard this move by Suchard as very unwelcome and very hostile and we would certainly fight a full-scale bid," said Mr Nicholas Nightingale, a Rowntree director.

Suchard, capitalized at £1.6 billion, had discreetly built up a 2.7 per cent holding in Rowntree last month before advising salesmen at Warburg Securities to launch yesterday's dawn raid.

A spokesman for the company said: "The acquisition of the stake meets our strategic objectives in that Rowntree is a company with great potential based on its excellent global brands.

"This is not a prelude to a full bid and there is no intention of increasing the holding beyond the 25 per cent figure for at least a year, although we reserve the right to do so if there is a full bid from a third party in the meantime."

Under Takeover Panel rules, Suchard will be free to go back into the market in a week's time to top up its holding.

In a hard-hitting response, Mr Kenneth Dixon, the Rowntree chairman, said the board believed the price paid for the shares was "wholly inadequate for the obtaining of a major stake in the group."

He said: "Rowntree, the largest confectionery business in the UK, has one of the best portfolios of brand names of any confectionery company in the world

"Brand names of the strength of Kit Kat, Smarties and After Eight have taken years of investment to develop and are a resource which can be exploited in international markets.

"This is a strategy which Rowntree is successfully following, particularly in continental Europe where profits in 1987 were double those of 1986. As a result of prudent financial policies Rowntree has the flexibility to continue the aggressive pursuit of this policy and to reap the rewards which follow when sales in regional markets rise to the level where economies of scale can be achieved."

Mr Dixon added: "Jacobs may need Rowntree but Rowntree does not need Jacobs."

Suchard has recently embarked on an aggressive expansion policy, acquiring confectionery companies in Europe and America. Worldwide, Suchard has about 7 per cent of the total market, slightly more than Rowntree, but below the market leader, Mars, with an estimated 13 per cent. In Britain, however, Suchard has a very small share of the market.

Rowntree has just reported pretax profits up 33 per cent at £112 million and estimates are for a total £132 million this year and £145 million next.

Mr John Mozley, a food manufacturing analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, said the price Suchard paid for its stake worked out at 14 times earnings, which was not high for a company with Rowntree's brands. He thought Suchard would have to offer between 750p and 800p, or 17-18 times earnings, to succeed with a full takeover bid.

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Sweeter side of history

1725: Mary Tuke, a Quaker, opened grocer's shop in Walmgate, York.
1862: Henry Rowntree bought the cocoa and chocolate side of business.
1881: Rowntree's Fruit Pastilles introduced.
1890: John Mackintosh created his "Mackintosh's Toffee."
1893: Rowntree's Fruit Gums launched.
1933: Rowntree launches Black Magic
1936: Mackintosh launches Quality Street
1937: Rowntree launches Smarties
1948: Rowntree launches Polo Mints
1969: Mackintosh buys Fox's Glacier Mints
1969: Merger of Rowntree and John Mackintosh
1976: Yorkie launched

Solicitor tells police about drafting of Guinness letter

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Anthony Salz, the partner in Freshfields the solicitors and member of the Guinness "war cabinet" during the bid for Distillers, has voluntarily given a statement to the Fraud Squad officers investigating the Guinness affair.

Mr Salz is believed to have told the Fraud Squad about a letter he drafted in connection with the purchase of 10.6 million Distillers shares the day before Guinness won control of the Scottish drinks group. The shares were purchased by a Swiss company which assented them to the Guinness bid.

The Takeover Panel is also believed to have assisted the police enquiries into the share purchase. However, a spokesman for the Panel declined to comment yesterday.

Last week Mr David Mayhew, a partner in Cazenove & Co, was charged with three offences in relation to the purchase.

Mr Salz is not expected to face charges and there is no suggestion that he or his firm, Freshfields, has done anything improper. He was abroad on holiday yesterday and unavailable for comment.

Mr Salz has told the Fraud Squad officers about the letter which was sent to the Takeover Panel on the date of the Distillers share purchase. The letter assured the Panel that there were no financial arrangements between Guinness and the purchaser in respect to the shares.

The letter was requested by the Panel and drafted by Mr Salz, who was almost certainly not informed of the full facts. It was signed by Mr Olivier Roux, the former Guinness finance director, on behalf of the company.

Last September, the Panel ruled that Guinness had in fact been acting in concert with the purchaser. In a High Court challenge to this ruling at the beginning of this year the letter was labelled "misleading".

A draft of the letter was read out in court, on which Mr Salz had noted that it had been read and approved by a number of people involved in the Distillers bid.

Three executives at Mercury Asset Management, the vendors of the shares, are believed to have given evidence to DTI inspectors investigating Guinness.

£3m King's Cross escalators contract

APV net earnings fall flat

By Colin Campbell

A year of rationalizations, which involved an £11.3 million extraordinary provision and a higher-than-expected tax charge, left APV, the food and beverage-processing equipment manufacturer, with flat net earnings in the year ended December.

The group, which merged with Baker Perkins in March 1987 and later took over Pasilac, the Danish dairy equipment group, managed a 69 per cent rise in turnover to £704 million and a 48 per cent pretax profit advance to £40.7 million.

But, at the net level, earnings a share turned out at 10.3p compared with 10.5p and yesterday's stock market reaction was a 12p fall in the share price to 108p.

APV is, however, raising the year's total dividend from 3.8p to 4.2p a share and Sir Ronald McIntosh, the chairman, said that the outlook was encouraging.

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APV gives no profit breakdown for its individual divisions, but admitted that it had lowered its March 1987 bid price for Baker Perkins by £30 million because previously ambitious profit forecasts in the market were not realized.

The company turned in a loss rather than an expected profit, though Baker Perkins had traded in profit since falling under the APV umbrella.

Sir Ronald added that APV, drawing on its experience in mechancial handling equipment for breweries, had recently won an order for three heavy duty escalators, costing £1 million each, to replace those destroyed in the King's Cross underground fire. This breakthrough could open up new possibilities

Supermarket group denies talk of rights issue

Confident: Ian MacLaurin, the Tesco chairman, yesterday (Photograph: James Morgan)

Profits climb 31% at Tesco

By Carol Ferguson

Tesco, the supermarket chain, has denied market rumours that it was planning a rights issue after revealing preliminary results at the higher end of analysts' forecasts.

Pretax profits were up 31 per cent at £230 million, and Mr Ian MacLaurin, the chairman of Tesco, said that fresh food, especially fruit and vegetables and meat, had done outstandingly well. "There is no rights issue, and we have our funding in place," he said.

Fully diluted earnings per share rose 20 per cent to 9.66p, excluding property profits, and a dividend of 2.85p net was declared. The directors are proposing to allow shareholders to take their dividends in shares rather than cash. The total dividend cost is £42 million.

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Sales for the 52 weeks to February 27 rose to £4.1 million, a 16.8 per cent increase on last year after adjusting for last year's 53rd week. Price inflation was 3 per cent, leaving a volume gain of 14 per cent: 4 per cent from existing stores and 10 per cent from new stores, including Hillards, the grocery chain acquired last May.

The profit contribution from Hillards for the 41 weeks since acquisition was £13 million. Had Hillards been included for the full year, it would have contributed £16 million, equivalent to 7 per cent like-for-like growth. This is better than Hillards' own profit forecast of £15 million, made when it was defending itself against Tesco's advances.

Mr MacLaurin said Tesco had launched 850 new own-label products last year, and that the range would be further extended this year by 700 or 800 new lines.

A series of "composite" warehouses, he added, will come on stream, at the end of this year and the beginning of next, supplying frozen, chilled and ambient goods. This will enable a single lorry to deliver the full range of fresh foods, offering 24-hour replenishment, while cutting down the on number of deliveries and reducing the number of half-loads. Tesco estimates the cost saving to be £10 million (0.25 per cent of sales).

Tesco's net margins rose from 5 per cent to 5.9 per cent. "It is difficult to know where the limit on margins is, or even if there will be one," Mr MacLaurin said.

G10 ministers to review world monetary system

From Bailey Morris, Washington

European ministers will attempt to launch a comprehensive review of the international monetary system at a meeting today of the Group of 10 industrialized nations, officials said.

The ministers are expected to propose that the G10 nations launch a new study of the system before the annual meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in September.

The decision to press for broader exchange rate reforms, similar to those proposed earlier by M Michel Balladur, the French Finance Minister, was disclosed as ministers of the seven main currency nations met to discuss the success of their coordinated approach to economic policies adopted last December.

Ministers of the Group of Seven nations are expected to reaffirm the December policies and to adopt an index of leading commodities, to aid decisions on exchange and inflation rates. But it was unclear whether gold would be included in the index.

Both European ministers and US officials said that they would combine to put concerted pressure on the newly-industrialized Asian nations to revalue their currencies and open their markets to reduce their growing surpluses with the West.

Mr Onno Ruding, the Netherlands Finance Minister who chairs the IMF's interim committee, said yesterday that there was no support at these meetings for new schemes on debt or exchange rates.

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He added that there was no support either for the launching of a general international conference on monetary reform. The US Administration has not indicated any support for a new review or fine tuning.

On the debt issue, the ministers said that they would concentrate on middle income countries which continue to experience weak growth and high interest payments despite the adoption of stringent austerity programmes.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, also planned to renew his appeal for interest rate relief for the poorest nations in sub-Saharan Africa.

The lack of urgency over debt and exchange rate policies indicates that ministers are interested in proposing only minor changes to current policies.

Mr Barber Conable, the president of the World Bank, said that the new agency launched at these meetings, the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (Miga) would study the Japanese proposal to insure commercial bank loans to developing countries, with the aim of channelling more finance to them.

McMahon attacks tax regime

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Sir Kit McMahon, chairman of Midland Bank, yesterday criticized British and US tax authorities for not giving banks bigger tax concession on bad debt provision.

This had greatly contributed to the need for last year's £3.5 billion in extra provisions by British banks.

This the first time a senior British banker has publicly blamed the tax system for the big increase in provisions. The banks are negotiating with the Inland Revenue over how much relief they will be given

Sir Kit told the Lombard Association of international bankers that Continental banks had already made provisions of 50 per cent or more because they had been given full and immediate tax relief on the provisions each year.

Had British and US authorities offered the same incentives, their banks would probably have been better cushioned against bad debts.

Who knows all the golfers in Sweden?

By Martin Waller

There are 148,000 golfers in Sweden. If you did not know that, take comfort.

Neither did Mr Tylan Bahcheli until two days ago, when his company was asked to draw up a list of them for a client.

If pressed, he will also give you the names and addresses of all the dentists in Israel — another recent commission.

His London group, Dudley Jenkins, acts as a broker, supplying lists to advertisers in Britain and abroad for direct mail shots. Lists are rented mainly from third parties such as traders or publishers, with Mr Bahcheli's company acting as middleman and taking a percentage.

Now he is bringing Dudley Jenkins to the USM by means of a placing of 20.21 per cent of the equity through stockbrokers Henry Cooke, Lumsden.

At the placing price of 85p, the company is valued at £3.7 million. Forecast profits for the current financial year to end-April of at least £400,000 would give a prospective price/earnings multiple of 13.1, after an estimated tax charge of 39.25 per cent.

Mr Bahcheli points out that direct mail is the third largest advertising market, after television and the national papers, in the country.

"Literally anything can be sold through direct mail these days. Even Sotheby's sells fine art," he said.

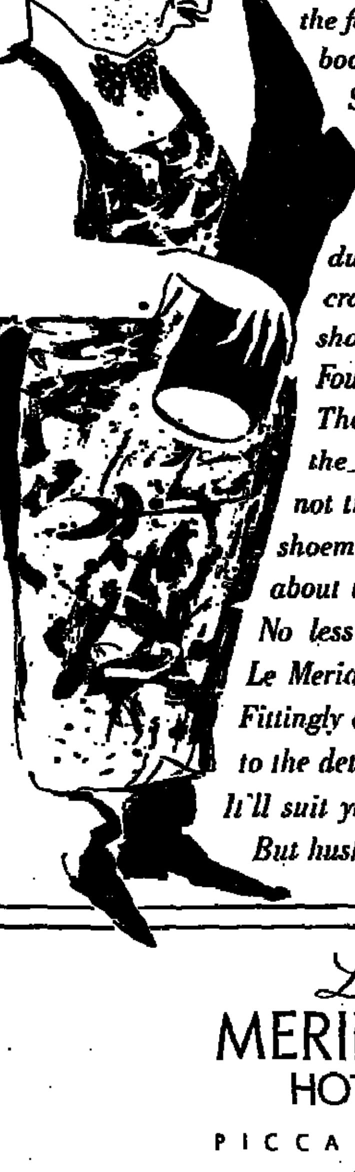
Mr Bahcheli, who was born in Cyprus, founded the company in 1971. He had previously worked for a direct mailing house and quickly realized the primitive nature, as it was then, of the industry in this country. He struck out on his own, building up over two years lists to order for clients.

At that time, the potential for targeting various groups of consumers more closely became apparent — "segmentation," in the industry jargon — and demand from advertisers grew.

Dudley Jenkins moved further into the broking business, trading lists of specialized groups of consumers.

Proceeds of the flotation will be used to expand into other areas of marketing, while winning a bigger share of the group's existing market.

Mr Bahcheli will not be eschewing the techniques of the direct mail industry in floating his company. All clients, both actual and prospective, can expect a copy of the prospectus soon — to join the mail shots already waiting on their doormats.



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THE COBBLER

Where do the well heeled get well shod?

One doesn't have to tread far to find the family firm of bespoke hunting boot and shoemakers, Foster & Son, 83 Jermyn Street SW1 (a few hundred paces from Piccadilly at a stretch). The fine tradition built up during almost 150 years of crafting made-to-measure shoes, is still continued by the Founder's great-grandson. There are very few places left on the map where their shoes have not trod. Although the oldest shoemaker in town, they keep quiet about it in an English sort of way. No less made-to-measure is Le Meridien Hotel in Piccadilly. Fittingly comfortable, elegant, devoted to the details of service. It'll suit you down to the ground. But hush. Not a squeak to a sole.

Le MERIDIEN HOTEL
PICCADILLY

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Hornby profits treble to £1.83m before tax

A swing back to traditional toys helped Hornby to treble pretax profits to £1.83 million in 1987 with its model train sets and Scalextric slot-car racing both doing especially well during the important Christmas period.

Turnover grew by 41 per cent to £20.1 million. The company, which joined the USM in December 1986, says orders during the first quarter of this year were ahead of 1987. Earnings per share grew from 10.4p to 13.8p. Hornby, which pays a single annual dividend because of the seasonal nature of its business, is making a final payment of 4p.

Figures leap at Juliana's

Pretax profits at Juliana's Holdings, the discothèque operator, rose 88 per cent in the year to the end of December to £1.43 million on turnover 13 per cent higher at £9.45 million. The company is looking for acquisitions to complement the core businesses. Earnings per share were up 84 per cent to 5.2p and the total dividend rises to 2.85p from 2.5p.

Profits at SPP drop to £2m

Higher interest costs pushed pretax profits at SPP, the pump manufacturer and distributor, from £2.8 million to £2 million in the year to end-December. SPP says gearing would have been much lower (about 34 per cent) if its Reading site had been sold before year-end. A final dividend of 3.5p, maintaining the overall payout at 5.25p, will be paid.

Tudor up to £486,000

Tudor, the former United Ceramic Distributors, boosted pretax profits by 47 per cent in 1987, to £486,000 from £330,000, after a year of buoyant conditions in both the building industry and the retail market. Shareholders of the USM-quoted distributor of wall and floor tiles and manufacturer of crystal glassware will receive a final dividend of 3.5p, increasing the year's total by 1p to 5p.

Mr Philip Battin, the chairman, said the first quarter of 1988 had continued to match the sales growth experienced last year, and the group was set for another record year. But the falling dollar did have an adverse effect on the Tudor Crystal glassware side last year, he added.

Staley's offer reaction soon

The directors of Staley Continental, the second largest corn refiner in the US, will announce their reaction to the $32-a-share bid from Tate & Lyle on or before next Thursday. The board is still reviewing the $1.3 billion (£709 million) offer and urges its shareholders to postpone their decisions until the board makes a recommendation.

Remy raises liqueur bid

Remy Martin et Cie, the French cognac house, has raised its offer for the entire capital of Benedictine SA, the liqueur maker, to Ff7,000 (£661.54) per share. Remy's latest offer tops its previous bid of Ff6,200 per share for 60 per cent of the capital, and the offer by Martini e Rossi, the Italian drinks group, at Ff6,550 francs for the entire capital.

Evered buys quarries

Evered Holdings, the building products to engineering group, is adding to its United States quarrying interests with the $8.25 million (£4.47 million) purchase of Mid-State Construction and Materials of Little Rock, Arkansas. Last year Mid-State, on sales of $10.8 million, notched up pretax profits of $1.1 million. The assets being bought had a book value at end-December of $5.3 million, including cash of $2.35 million.

Mid-State operates from seven locations in Arkansas, which comprise five stone quarries and four asphalt plants. Evered already owns Rockville Crushed Stone on the east coast of the US, acquired with the London and Northern Group last year.

TEMPUS

Tesco stocks up for capital growth

Tesco's ambitious expansion programme is coming through the checkout in a very satisfactory fashion. Sales, excluding inflation, rose 14 per cent, 10 per cent of which was attributable to new stores, including 7 per cent from recently acquired Hillards. The other 4 per cent was due to increased turnover in existing stores.

But capital-hungry projects need to be financed, giving rise to speculation, hastily denied by Tesco, that a rights issue could be in the offing.

This year, capital projects will gobble up £450 million, £50 million more than last year. About £330 million of this will go towards 16 new stores. The balance will fund further computerization of operations, the introduction of Epos (electronic point of sale) in 30 more stores, and the new "composite" warehouses.

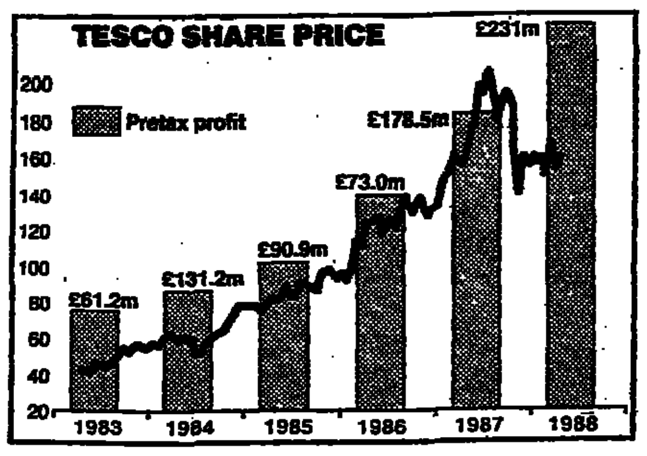
To fund its cash needs, Tesco has borrowed, or arranged facilities for, £462 million in the past 12 months, including a £112 million convertible Eurobond. By the end of next year gearing will have risen to 40 per cent, compared with 29 per cent now.

In 1989 and beyond, however, Tesco expects to see its capital requirements fall to the level required for new stores. By then, it may also be thinking more seriously about diversification, primarily into non-food retailing in Britain, or food retailing in the US, although presumably, any acquisitions could be paid for with shares.

Meanwhile, yesterday's decision to allow shareholders to opt for payment of their dividend in shares rather than cash could save up to £42 million in cash flows. Every little bit helps.

Even if gearing is rising, the other financial ratios look good. Return on capital has risen to a little under 25 per cent, while the net margin is 5.9 per cent. However, it will be hard to push up net margins further as interest costs rise, offset by the superstores which have 10 per cent more turnover per square foot and a bigger proportion of fresh food.

Nevertheless, pretax profits should rise to £275 million this year. The prospective multiple is 13.8, and the shares have long-term attractions.



APV

APV, which made more than customers sit up and take note when deciding to polish up its image by using (respectable) nudes in an advertising campaign, now finds itself naked on the net earnings front in reporting results for the year ended December.

After a year, during which it took over Baker Perkins and Pasilac, comparisons look good at every level, save one. Turnover was 69 per cent higher at £704 million, pretax profits rose from £27.5 million to £40.7 million and the return on capital advanced from 25.9 to 32.1 per cent.

The year's dividend is 11 per cent higher, but net earnings turn out at 10.3p a share, compared with 10.5p previously, after adjustment for the five way share split.

The balance sheet, which will undoubtedly show some hefty provisions associated with a year of rationalization, has yet to be published, so the nervous market reaction was to send the shares down from 120p to 108p.

However, those prepared to take a 12 to 24 months' view could usefully find yesterday's price setback a suitable buying opportunity.

The order book is good, the determination this year is that not only will pretax profits rise again but that there will be a follow-through to the net earnings a share level and the group is now much better balanced than previously.

APV has streamlined itself from a group with 200 subsidiaries into one with nine principal operating divisions.

Balance sheet gearing, at 70 per cent, looks high compared with a 1986 gearing level of 17.6 per cent and only 7.3 per cent in 1985. But interest cover is high and the pace of organic growth this year, helped by asset disposals, should see gearing down to the 50 per cent level before long.

Improved operating efficiencies should flow from the reduced number of factory sites — 57 in mid-1987, down to 39 by January and expected to fall to 33 by mid-1988 — and new markets are being won across the world.

Profits could hit the £50 million mark this year and net earnings show a rise to 11.5p a share. The rating is 9.8 times.

RMC Group

RMC Group has come a long way since it went public in 1962 when sales were £9 million, pretax profits were £0.7 million and net assets employed £4 million.

And 26 years later it has not yet run out of steam. The strength of the domestic building market clearly helped profits last year, but even in West Germany, where demand was far from buoyant, profits moved ahead strongly.

This says much for the group's ability to shape its overhead structure according to local conditions.

But it may be some time before RMC has to tighten its belt at home, given the unprecedented strength of the market in the first quarter. Volumes should remain firm and are being followed with useful price increases. In West Germany, however, the outlook is unlikely to improve much, while the US remains competitive.

Even though this year's US profits will be helped by the inclusion of the Lone Star businesses acquired at the year-end, RMC will otherwise have to rely on operational efficiencies to move profits ahead.

Britain remains RMC's most important market, accounting for 55 per cent of operating profits.

Longer-term there is scope to increase the penetration of ready-mixed in the construction industry. In the US, 72 per cent of cement is used in the ready-mixed industry while in Britain it is only 45 per cent.

Profits from property disposals increased by £2 million to £5 million last year, but were offset by a £2.1 million shortfall from currencies.

The group's ability to reduce capacity if demand suddenly dries up makes it a particularly attractive investment in today's markets. The shares have further to go on 1988 pretax profit forecasts of about £180 million.

STOCK MARKET

G7 talks dampen down bid excitement

Bid fever swept through the London stock market yesterday following the news of Suchard's dawn raid on Rowntree. But this was not enough to hold the attention of investors, who were keeping a wary eye on the G7 talks in Washington.

Once again, prices closed below their best levels of the day as Wall Street opened lower in resumed trading after a disappointing set of US retail sales that pointed to an increase in imported goods. The market also remained wary ahead of today's US trade figures which are expected to show a deficit of about $12 billion (£6.5 billion).

By the close of business, a total of 514 million shares had been traded — slightly above this week's depressing levels — but this had been artificially inflated by the activity in Rowntree.

The FT-SE 100 closed below its best levels with a rise of 5.1 points at 1,810.4, having been 11.3 higher. The narrower FT index of 30 shares gained 1.3 points at 1,435.0.

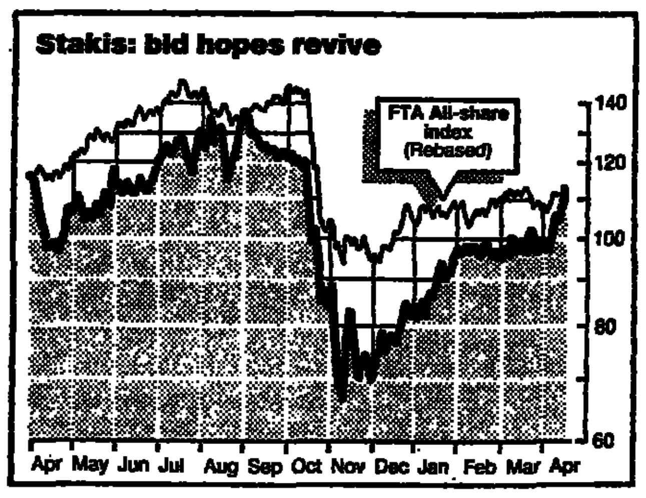
Government securities scored gains of £¼ in a thin market.

Stakis, the Glasgow hotels, restaurants, casinos and financial services group, returned to prominence, touching 115p before closing 12p better at 114p as buyers chased the shares higher on talk of a bid of 135p per share from a mystery suitor.

This year, there was talk that Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, which owns a 6 per cent stake in Stakis, was ready to bid for the rest, hoping to fend off the unwelcome attentions of two antipodean investors, Sir Ron Brierley and Mr John Elliott of Elders IXL.

Dealers now claim that S&N may be ready to pounce and are warning clients not to be short of the stock.

Speculation intensified after hours when word went round the market that Land Leisure, the hotel and leisure group headed by Mr Peter de Savary, was also lining up an offer for Stakis.



There has been plenty of trading in the shares between market-makers in recent weeks in the run-up to the interim results next month. One dealer was at pains to point out that with more than 30 per cent of the shares in safe hands, any offer for Stakis would have to be generous and in excess of the talked of level of 135p per share.

Burton Group touched 256p before closing 5p dearer at 252p. Sir Ralph Halpern, the chairman, addressed 50 analysts and fund managers last night at a seminar arranged by Burton's own broker. Clearly, hopes were high that Sir Ralph would have some good news for them.

The dawn raid by Jacobs Suchard, the Swiss coffee and confectionery group, on Rowntree, the Aero, Kit Kat and Rolo chocolate group, whetted investors' appetites for the rest of the food sector. There are already a number of bid targets in the sector where sizeable share stakes have been built up.

Rowntree soared by 149p to 626p, after 630p, on a turnover of 61 million shares as Warburg Securities, the broker, acting on behalf of Suchard, acquired a 15 per cent stake in the company at 630p per share. Suchard has said that it intends to increase its stake to 25 per cent next week by way of a tender.

Cadbury Schweppes, the confectionery group, in which General Cinema of the US holds a near 18 per cent stake, advanced by 11p to 276p as about 7 million shares changed hands.

Ranks Hovis McDougall also jumped 15p to 331p as buyers hoped that Goodman Fielder, the Australian group, will soon use its 29 per cent holding in the company as a launch-pad for a full bid.

Northern Foods, said to be on Dart Corporation of Australia's shopping list, closed 9p higher at 256p, while improvements of 10p and 15p respectively were recorded in **George Bassett**, 216p and **Unigate**, 270p.

Tesco improved by 4p to 162p after the group's full-year figures were well received in the market.

Mr Philip Dorgan, an analyst at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, said that the results were in line with expectations and reflected the group's continued progress and the successful integration of Hillards.

He forecasts £265 million before tax for the current year and believes that the shares fully deserve their premium rating.

Time Products, the manufacturer of Sekonda watches, attracted speculative support and closed 13p higher at 179p.

This rise coincided with Warburg Securities becoming the company's broker. Hopes are high that some lucrative deals will follow. The group has about £17 million in cash in its pocket and is said to be on the verge of further expansion.

In July, TP bought Piaget and Baume & Mercier, the luxury watch distributor and the company is said to be interested in adding other branded luxury goods.

Shares of **AG Stanley**, the owner of the FADS home furnishing stores, soared by 24p to 228p. Speculation surrounding Williams Holdings' 25 per cent stake in the company prompted the rise with some dealers of the opinion that Mr Nigel Rudd, Williams' chairman, is ready to sell his interest to a bidder.

"Rubbish," replied one dealer, who suggested that it was more likely that Williams will soon launch a bid for full control itself and that Mr Rudd will develop Stanley as its retailing arm.

Mr Geoff Mulcahy, the chief executive of Woolworth, is continuing to meet the City in the wake of last month's figures. Yesterday, he played host to County NatWest WoodMac, the broker and a select group of fund managers. The shares rose 2p to 296p.

Owners Abroad, a perennial takeover favourite and Britain's fourth largest travel company, showed signs of renewed life, closing 2p higher at 86.5p.

Speculators have been nibbling away at the shares in the hope that Bass, the brewer which has Horizon Travel under its umbrella, is looking to expand its travel interests.

Mr John Ferriday and Mr Richard Smith, who control Paragon, the charter airline and the quoted Eagle Trust, the Midlands mini-conglomerate, are said to be willing sellers of their 15 per cent stake in Owners Abroad.

Acre, a new, independent oil company, created out of a merger between Century Power & Light and SHV's Dyas, the Dutch group, started life on the main board by way of an introduction. Opening at 185p, the shares improved to 189p before closing at 188p.

GEC continued to respond to this week's bullish circular from Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker, firming by 1p to 150p. Grieveson rates the shares as a buy and claims that the stock has been oversold. Mr Chris Tucker, an analyst at Kleinwort, says that the shares represent good value for money.

Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Power auditor named

The 12 electricity distribution boards have appointed Price Waterhouse as consultants for privatization. The team will be led by Mr Howard Hyman, the director of privatization services.

The accountancy firm will advise on regulation, contracts between the boards and the electricity generators, the establishment of the transmission company, and accounting and tax.

The company was consultant to the Electricity Council in the first phase of privatization planning and already advises the Midlands Electricity Board.

● Coopers & Lybrand has been appointed by the Government to carry out a feasibility study on privatizing British Technology Group.

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Smiths Industries takes off to £41.6m at half time

By Colin Campbell

Smiths Industries, which has been transformed from a watch and clock company into a diversified aerospace and medical group, is re-emphasizing its confidence that this financial year will be another one of growth for both profits and net earnings.

It yesterday disclosed pretax profits of £41.6 million for the 26 weeks ended January 30 compared with £26.6 million, a 56.4 per cent increase.

Turnover was £307.6 million compared with £197.6 million, an increase partly helped by recent acquisitions.

The group is *raising* its interim dividend from 2p to 2.25p a share.

Turnover and pretax profit *would have been £18 million* and £1.8 million higher, respectively, had results of overseas companies been converted at the exchange rates ruling at the beginning of the financial year.

All operating groups contributed to the higher results.

Britain, still dominating the profits table, brought in £21.2 million *at the trading level* compared with £18.4 million, and the United States £14.1 million compared with £4.1 million — the increase reflecting the *Lear Siegler* deal, now renamed SLI.

Results of individual divisions show aerospace and defence brought *in £22.4 million* (£11.7 million); medical *systems £8.5 million* (£7.9 million), and industrial interests £6.1 million (£4.2 million).

Included in the aerospace and defence sector are sales of £101 million and trading profits of *£9.4* million relating to SLI.

Order books in the division are strong which underpins *the longer term prospects*, the group said.

There was resumed growth in medical systems in North America where profits in dollar terms matched the 13 per cent increase achieved in Britain and elsewhere.

Last year's second half *improvement in industrial* activities has been maintained, the board adds.

Net earnings turn out at 9.6p a share compared with 7.9p a share previously.

The shares closed 2p down at 254p.

Smiths has recently decided to sell its Australian activities other than those connected with aerospace and medical systems.

Completion of the sale is imminent, and net proceeds of *more than Aus$40 million* are expected.

A *feature* of the *interim* report is the rise from £1.37 million to £3.52 million in interest received. This reflects the continued rise in group cash balances now probably at £70 million.

RMC profits rise 39% to £150.7m

By Alexandra Jackson

Mr John Camden, the chairman of RMC Group, yesterday denied speculation that the building *materials* company was considering selling its do-it-yourself retailing operation, Great Mills. "It is not for sale," he said.

An improved performance from Great Mills contributed to the 39 per cent increase in group pretax profits for 1987 to £150.7 *million* and the 38 per cent rise in earnings per share.

Group sales advanced from £1.6 billion to £1.8 billion. A final dividend of 7.5p was declared, making a total of 11p *for the year, up 26 per cent.*

Mr Camden said he was pleased with the results. "The first quarter has been very strong indeed. This must have something to do with the mild weather," he explained.

In Britain, where RMC has interests in builders' merchanting, *theme* parks, security alarms and waste disposal, as well as cement and aggregates, operating profits increased from £61.7 million to £85.8 million.

Ready-mixed concrete volumes rose more than 10 per cent last year although prices remained level. The group managed at least to maintain margins by buying cement more cheaply after the break-*up of the price cartel last year.*

British aggregates volumes were up by nearly 10 per cent while prices rose by 2.5 per cent. Price rises of between 5 and *10 per cent are expected* due to strong demand.

West German profits increased from £19.8 million to £26.4 million, despite a difficult market. Other European countries performed well, *accounting for most of the* improvement in overseas profits from £33.8 million to £43.1 million as the US market remained competitive.

Currency movements reduced after-tax profits by £2.1 *million. Profits on property* disposals were £5 million against £3 million in 1986.

The balance sheet was strong, showing a gearing ratio of 13.2 per cent. The group continues to look for medium-sized acquisitions to strengthen its existing portfolio. The shares, which have been strong recently, fell 2p to 481p.

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No sale: John Camden of RMC (Photograph: John Manning)

Suspension is upheld

By Alison Eadie

The ruling council of Lloyd's insurance market has upheld the suspension imposed by a disciplinary committee on Mr David d'Ambrumenil, a bro*ker implicated in the PCW* affair.

The suspension expires on July 24. It was imposed by Lloyd's in July 1986, following publication of the Department of Trade and Industry *interim report on the Unimar* affair, part of the PCW saga. The full report into Minet Holdings, the former owner of the PCW agency, has yet to be *published by the DTI.*

Mr d'Ambrumenil was found guilty of conducting insurance business in a discreditable manner, of dishonesty in certain insurance transactions and of attempting to mislead Sir Peter Green, the chairman of Lloyd's.

Mr d'Ambrumenil was the chairman and chief executive *of Seascope, the Lloyd's bro*ker, which put a lot of business through PCW syndicates.

Candover assets jump

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Candover Investments, which specializes in organizing and backing management buyouts, outperformed all quoted investment trusts last year with a 41 per cent rise in net assets to £25.4 million, or 352p per share.

The trust benefited from the flotation of Caradon and the sale of four other companies at average prices much higher *than the directors' valuation* in the books. Since the year end, another investment — UK Paper — has been floated, and more are expected during 1988.

Mr Roger Brooke, Candover's chief executive, said *the 1987 performance showed* that a portfolio of management buyouts had been an outstanding investment for institutions in the 1980s.

The trust's accounts reveal that the 1987 results were *achieved despite £2 million of* investment writedowns made on some investments.

CBI warns of currency threat

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

The Confederation of British Industry has given a warning that exporters' profits are being threatened by currency fluctuations. In the longer term, investment would be hit. Companies were holding their export prices by accept*ing cuts in profit margins.*

Predictability of exchange rates at compe*titive levels* was crucial for business. Mr John Banham, the CBI's director general, said.

He was speaking after the CBI's monthly council meeting endorsing CBI policy on the currencies controversy which has blown up since sterling was allowed to rise against key currencies.

Mr Banham *made clear* that the CBI, in line with the *Government*, believed containment of inflation was still the first priority for the health of the British economy. The CBI was looking only for a reasonable *amount* of currency stability.

"To call for absolute stability is *unrealistic*. Currency movements over a period of time, bringing adjustments of 3 to 4 per cent, are inevitable *in* markets in some turmoil but that percentage in as many weeks is very difficult indeed for manufacturing industry to accommodate."

There was no *question* of the business community looking for a devalued currency to accommodate inflationary wage settlements, he said.

"But a successful economy has to come first. An over*valued currency can have an* opposite effect with respect to inflation and in the long run to jobs," he said.

Peachey offer for Epic is extended

By Cliff Feltham

Peachey Property Corporation has extended its 260p a share takeover bid for Estates Property Investment Company to April 26 after yesterday disclosing acceptances of 34.9 per cent.

Peachey confirmed that it *intends to retain its stake even* if it means remaining a significant minority shareholder in Epic. This is in response to a rival bid worth 270p from Giltvote, a consortium headed by Mr Stephan Wingate, the property developer, which has so far acquired shares and acceptances totalling 27.4 per cent.

COMMENT David Brewerton

No sweet talking for chocolate soldiers

Sweet *talk* will be out between Rowntree and Jacobs Suchard after *the impolite dawn raid, at least* for the time being. Rowntree will not have *been surprised by the Suchard action*, for the Swiss chocolateers have been *pussyfooting* around the Smarties of York for several years, and were probably the beneficial owner of the shares, held through Swiss banks, which Rowntree threatened to disenfranchise a few years ago.

Even the raid's timing was predictable, coming only days after Suchard set the wheels in motion for a rights issue which will raise enough to allow the purchase of the full 25 per cent stake it seeks.

But Rowntree was finding a little light relief on a worrying day in the fact that those investors who so easily gave Suchard its 15 per cent will live to rue the day. All history has demonstrated that those who sell in dawn raids collect less than those who hold on. If there is a full bid for Rowntree, which is highly likely in time, despite the undertaking by Suchard to stop at 25 per cent for a year, it will have to be at a significantly higher price than the 630*p* at which yesterday's men sold out.

And if the Suchard threat puts a chocolate rocket under Rowntree's performance, *then the current price* is modest even on trading grounds.

Suchard, itself the product of various cross-frontier mergers, is one of the front runners in the 1992 club which *looks certain to produce a rush of* truly European companies of a size which can be attained *only* by takeover. Klaus Jacobs, the Suchard chairman, may be located outside the EEC in ever-neutral Switzerland, but his marketing ambitions lie firmly within it. Suchard has some premier brands, but nothing to approach the worldwide impact of Kit Kat or Smarties, and if a combined group could be loosed on the confectionery markets of Europe while Cadbury is obsessed with its own independence, there would be some sweet pickings indeed.

Beyond Europe, there are opportunities in the Far East and the United States, and both M Jacobs and Rowntree chairman Kenneth Dixon recognize that the biggest markets are the most promising, and that corporate bulk is needed to conquer them.

The problem for Suchard, *however*, is that Rowntree really has more to bring to the party than Suchard. Its brands are more widespread, its products have personality rather than commodity status and it is hard to argue with Rowntree's statement that it does not need Suchard. That does not mean, however, that there would not be *benefits, perhaps enormous benefits, in* a link between the two groups. In the global brands business, size counts.

European look is needed

European *stock markets still have* much to do in reform and marketing if they are to achieve the levels of business in the world's two top stock markets. In 1987, the eight leading centres in the European Community (including all Germany's exchanges) accounted for only 14.9 per cent of the estimated $4,476 billion turnover of the world's 16 leading stock markets.

By contrast, an analysis in the monthly *Morgan Stanley Capital International Perspective* shows that turnover of stocks in the first section of the Tokyo stock exchange accounted for 38 per cent of the total.

The big board stocks of the New York exchange, now lagging behind Tokyo in value, were *still ahead* in turnover with 42 per cent of the total.

London's Big Bang and kinder stamp duty regime, far from ushering *in a dash for growth*, were vital to stem the City's relative decline. This, at least, has been successfully accomplished.

In 1987, turnover on the London stock exchange (though comfortably Europe's highest) was just 6.1 per cent of the world total, marginally lower than London's share 10 years before. But, in the meantime, London had slipped down to 3.75 per cent in 1983 *and had only recovered to 4.5 per cent* just before Big Bang, when London had temporarily been overtaken by the combined German exchanges.

Apart from Germany, turnover as a percentage of market capitalization is also lower in London and other European exchanges than in Tokyo — and much lower than on the New York stock exchange.

That is partly because London quotes far more smaller companies but is *still surprising when compared* with Japan, where so much of the capital is tied up in permanent interlocking shareholdings and takeover activity is rare.

European exchanges have been held back by *restrictive practices*, fragmentation and relative lack of interest from private investors. State ownership has also kept many of Europe's top world-scale companies out of the stock market arena. Widespread privatization is changing some of that.

But the stock exchanges have as big an opportunity in the breakdown of internal Community barriers from 1992 as any industry. London, in particular, needs to become a trading centre for all the leading European shares.

Pearl Group sparkles with £48.3m

By Alison Eadie

Pearl Group, the life and general insurer in which Mr Larry Adler, the Australian entrepreneur, has a 6.46 per cent stake, made pretax profits of £48.3 *million in the year* to the end of December, a rise of 26.4 per cent.

The life side contributed £43.4 million, a rise of 16 per cent, and the general side swung from a loss of £4.5 million to a profit *of* £100,000.

The total dividend was raised by 19 per cent to 12.5p.

Pearl is maintaining its reversionary bonusus on ordinary and industrial branch policies and increasing its terminal bonuses to give an increase in benefits on maturing policies of between 4 per cent for 10-year contracts to 6 per cent and more for longer term contracts.

The stock market crash has *had a limited effect* on Pearl's thinking because it bases its terminal bonuses on a five-year average. It also enjoyed a significant increase in the value of its property investments last year.

In common with other life companies, Pearl has boosted its reserves against Aids *claims by £13.5 million.*

On the general side the *October hurricane* caused gross claims of £7.3 million, which netted down to just £625,000 after reinsurance. Pearl looks set to raise house building insurance rates by about 10 per cent.

The motor account remained disappointing with rates set to rise again by 8 per cent in July.

The reinsurance side improved from a loss of £5.2 million to a loss of £200,000 *due to lower reserves against* American long-tail business — long term liabilities.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Tesco's grapes of wrath

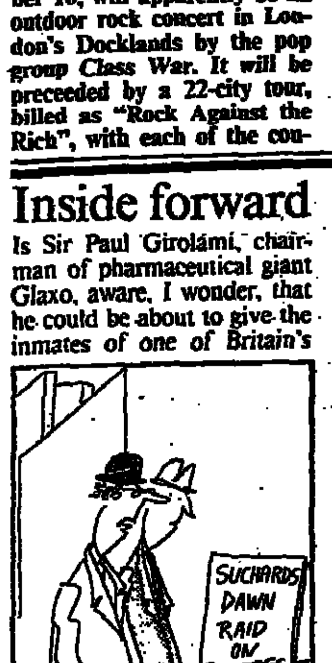
Retail food analyst Philip *Dorgan*, of Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, could be forgiven for treating himself to a stiff drink last night. It had been a hard day. For, if looks *could have killed he* would no longer be in the land of the living after yesterday's City analysts meeting to discuss Tesco's results. Tesco's finance director, David Reid, had apparently been breathing *fire down* Scrimgeour's telephone lines after learning of not wholly accurate reports that Dorgan had been advising clients to switch out of Tesco and into Sainsbury, on fears that Tesco was about to announce a *£250 million rights issue*. "I was *recommending* a switch out of Tesco, but not for that reason," Dorgan tells me. When he eventually arrived at yesterday's analysts meeting, the atmosphere was decidedly frosty. "It wasn't very pleasant," admits Dorgan. "*Reid* asked me if I had my tin hat and David Malpas, the managing director, didn't give me *a particularly warm* greeting either. But we are still on *speaking* terms and I did get my bottle of whisky — but it's probably been injected with something deadly!" Bemoaning the fact that analysts need to be thick-skinned these days, he added: "I only cover five companies and they all hate me." But he is, by way of *consolation*, loved by those all-powerful fund managers. He has been voted the number one retail food analyst in all the top City surveys.

One for the monied ...

As if the young upwardly mobile professionals, with their job losses, pay cuts and shrunken portfolios, had not suffered enough, they *are now* to be the victims of National Anti-Yuppie Day. The main feature of the day, on September 10, will apparently be an outdoor rock concert in London's Docklands by the pop *group Class War. It will be* preceeded by a 22-city tour, billed as "Rock Against the Rich", with each of the concerts being held in those rundown inner cities now being "gentrified" by wealthy newcomers. "The yuppies are *descending on working class* communities like locusts," says one of the organizers, who identifies himself only as Sean. As well as the inner city venues, a concert planned in Guildford, the heart of Surrey's stockbroker belt, has been given a special distinction. It is being dubbed "Rock Against Stockbrokers".

Inside forward

Is Sir Paul Girolami, chairman of pharmaceutical giant Glaxo, aware, I wonder, that he could be about to give the inmates of one of *Britain's* prisons cause for celebration? The company's chemical division in Northumberland is, I hear, sponsoring the second *division of the local Morpeth* Sunday Football *League* and the favourite in the final — to be played on April 24 — is Acklington Prison. So serious are the locals about the contest that one of the prison's star players, recently released after serving 12 months for burglary, *has been given special* permission by the Home Office to return to the jail for the day to play.


"Dawn Raid? Didn't she win an Oscar?"

SUCHARDS DAWN RAID ON ROWNTREE
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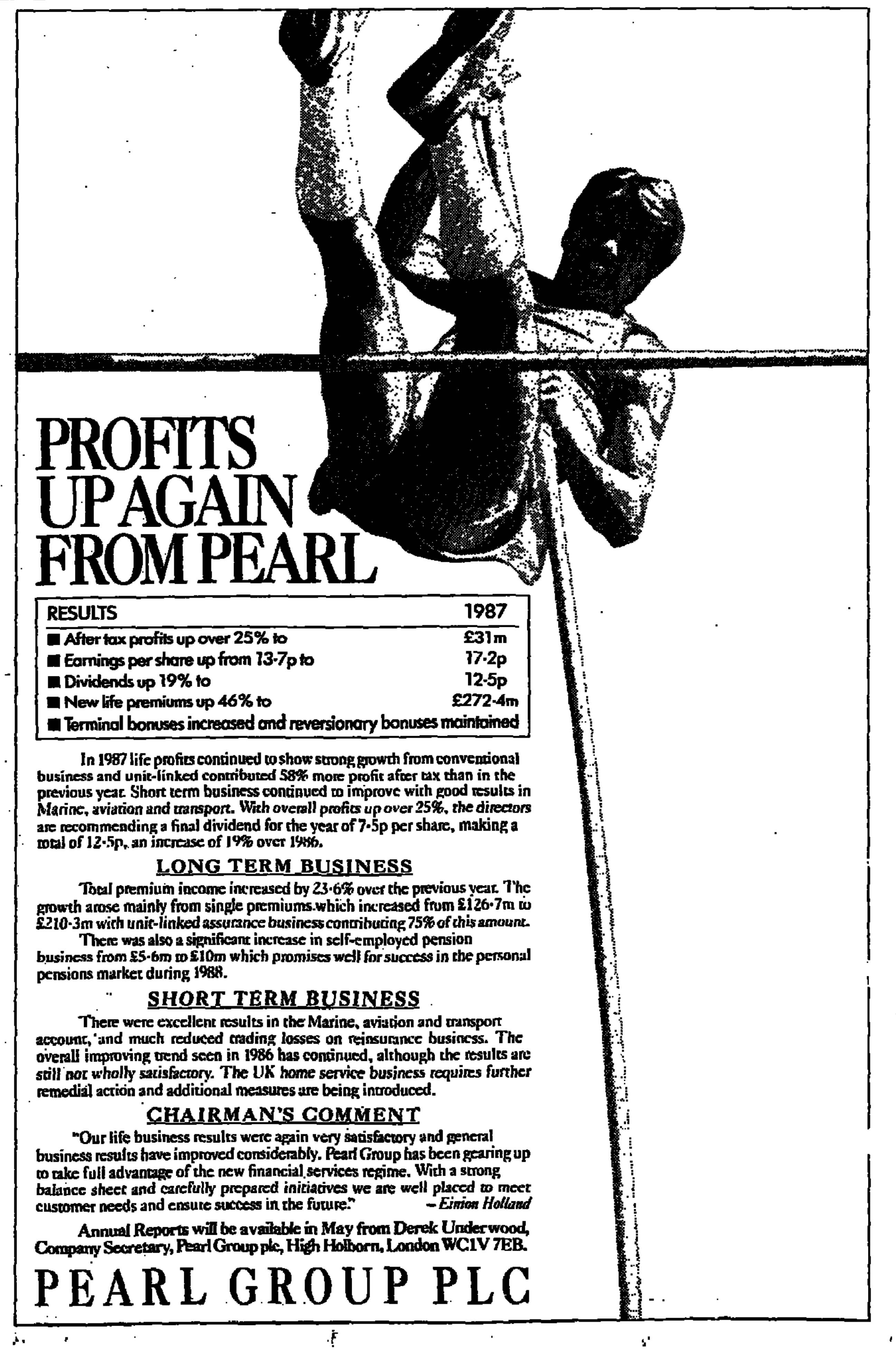
Honoured

Sir Gordon White, chairman of Hanson's American division, has not been forgotten in his home town. In July he is, I hear, to be conferred with an honorary degree in economics from the University *of Hull, the city* where he was born 65 years ago, and *where* thefamily printing business, Welbecson, was based.

Hoppy at the helm

Times are indeed a-changing at Harrisons & Crosfield, the *plantations to chemicals* and timber group. For the first time in its long history it is to have both a chairman and chief executive who have been brought *in* from outside the group. For David Hopkinson, legendary former chief executive of fund management group M&G, is, after a year as deputy chairman, being moved up into the chair in *June. He will replace* Tom Prentice, aged 68, who is staying on as president. Hopkinson will be working alongside chief executive *George* Paul, a director since Harrisons bought the firm he *owned four* years ago. Although he retired from M&G at the end of 1986, life has been far from leisurely for Hopkinson, aged 61. Known as "Hoppy", and now into his third career — his first was as a Clerk of the House of Commons before he began his City career *at the age of* 33 — he has also become deputy chairman of English China Clays and a director of Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries. A committed Christian and a Church Commissioner, in his spare time he also sits on the General Synod of the Church of England and its Central Board of Finance. "They always say *you* work *much* harder when you retire and it's true," he tells me. "But Harrisons is a very exciting company and I have known it for many years." He should do — M&G owns around 9 per cent of the company.

Carol Leonard



PROFITS UP AGAIN FROM PEARL

RESULTS	1987
■ After tax profits up over 25% to	£31m
■ Earnings per share up from 13·7p to	17·2p
■ Dividends up 19% to	12·5p
■ New life premiums up 46% to	£272·4m
■ Terminal bonuses increased and reversionary bonuses maintained	

In 1987 life profits continued to show strong growth from conventional business and unit-linked contributed 58% more profit after tax than in the previous year. Short term business continued to improve with good results in Marine, aviation and transport. With overall *profits up over 25%, the directors* are recommending a final dividend for the year of 7·5p per share, making a total of 12·5p, an increase of 19% over 1986.

LONG TERM BUSINESS

Total premium income increased by 23·6% over the previous year. The growth arose mainly from single premiums which increased from £126·7m to *£210·3m with unit-linked assurance business contributing 75% of this amount.*

There was also a significant increase in self-employed pension business from £5·6m to £10m *which promises well for success in the personal* pensions market during 1988.

SHORT TERM BUSINESS

There were excellent results in the Marine, aviation and transport account, and much reduced trading losses on reinsurance business. The overall improving trend seen in 1986 has continued, although the results are *still not wholly satisfactory. The UK home service business requires further* remedial action and additional measures are being introduced.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

"Our life business results were again very satisfactory and general business results have improved considerably. Pearl Group has been gearing up to take full advantage of the new financial services regime. With a strong *balance sheet and carefully prepared initiatives we are well placed to meet* customer needs and ensure success in the future." *— Einion Holland*

Annual Reports will be available in May from Derek Underwood, Company Secretary, Pearl Group plc, High Holborn, London WC1V 7EB.

PEARL GROUP PLC

EEC and Japan to monitor price of shipbuilding

(Reuter) – European Economic Community officials and Japan's Transport Ministry have agreed to set up a panel to monitor ship prices as a first step to ending the depression facing the world's shipyards, members of an EEC delegation said yesterday.

They said the EEC, Japan and South Korea, which have a combined world ship market share of more than 60 per cent, should co-operate to stop the current price war and improve conditions for shipbuilders.

"Almost every shipyard is losing money as a result of offering below-production-cost prices," said Mr Jos Loeff, deputy director general of the EEC directorate-general for External Affairs.

Mr Loeff said the two sides agreed they should start to work on the common goal of "rapid improvement in the market situations or prices", while the industry itself remains responsible for structural changes, including cuts in capacity.

Mr Loeff said the EEC is not seeking any expansion of the European shipbuilding industry, but wants to keep it a reasonable part of the economy.

European yards, which have already given up part of their shipbuilding work to Far Eastern builders, are now losing such jobs as the construction of high-value vessels, said Mr Arie Adriaan van Rhijn, another EEC delegate.

Mr van Rhijn said prices offered by Far Eastern yards for construction of bulk carriers are still 20 to 40 per cent lower than those of European companies, which could not compete in the prices quoted for very large crude carriers, even with the help of subsidies.

"After the Korean won's appreciation and labour problems, the Koreans may be interested in an orderly market," he said. The EEC will send a mission to Seoul after the Tokyo visit.

Concerning Japan's proposal to introduce commercial interest reference rates for ship financing, he said the EEC understands the stance, but that "it's a small issue when we discuss the integrated shipping and shipbuilding industries."

Asked how serious the EEC is about using tax measures against foreign competition, Mr Loeff said: "If there are no solutions by June, we'll examine ways by December. But I think we're on the right track."

The EEC said last month that it is considering a special tax on foreign-built ships using its ports, to defend its shipbuilding sector against competition from Japan and South Korea.

Istel worker investors see 180% jump in their stakes

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Istel, the computer services operation bought out from the Rover Group last June, has told its 930 worker shareholders that their original investment has increased in value by more than 180 per cent.

About half the Istel equity is held by its managers and workforce, a quarter by the Rover Group and the remainder by institutions.

Two-thirds of the 1,390 employees took up the option of subscription units comprising one ordinary share and one preference share priced together at £2. Ordinary shares were ruled to be for at least a medium-term holding. Worker investments ranged from £400 to £12,000.

Now the company's auditors have valued each unit at £5.66, creating a market price for people leaving the company, when they have to sell their shares.

There were 900,000 units sold to the workers while another 1.2 million ordinary shares are held by about 40 managers.

Mr John Leighfield, the chairman and chief executive, said: "The valuation reflects our growth. It was a competitive and not a soft price we paid for Istel because we were very much in competition with a number of large information technology companies." He and other managers had individually borrowed heavily to bring off the buyout, Mr Leighfield added.

Leighfield: flotation plan

"The objective is to build the business over the next few years and then to go to a flotation."

The flotation was originally targeted for 1991 but the company's growth in the past year has been such that Mr Leighfield believes it might now be possible to bring it forward, possibly to 1990.

Istel is fast diversifying but in the past year 57 per cent of its £70.1 million turnover still came from its work for Rover. The Rover element grew by 4 per cent but the rest of Istel's business expanded by more than 36 per cent. It has been concentrating particularly on the financial services and health care markets.

A strict comparison financially between last year and 1986 is not possible because of the business changeover, said Mr Leighfield. But he estimates that on a like-for-like basis revenue grew by about £10 million in 1987 or 16 per cent, with the 1987 pretax profit at about £5 million. He expects similar growth this year.

Dividend ahead as Matthew Hall slips to £15.26m

By Martin Waller

Matthew Hall, the engineering group chaired by Sir George Jefferson, the former head of British Telecom, yesterday announced expected lower profits of £15.26 million for 1987, down from £18.02 million in 1986.

Turnover dropped from £503 million to £471 million, but a same-again final dividend of 3.5p makes a total up slightly to 5.375p, from 5.25p.

The company issued a profits warning in January, blaming an unexpected loss on one US fabrication contract, a delay in recovery of contract claims and the falling US and Australian dollars.

Changing currency rates trimmed profits by £866,000. The group did benefit, however, from a substantial adjustment to its pension scheme – to the extent of £4.33 million.

A further £750,000 would be forthcoming from the same source in 1988, said Mr Donald Parvin, the chief executive.

At the trading level, mechanical and electrical engineering profits were static at £6.70 million – against £6.66 million – after a £1.16 million pensions benefit. But healthy workloads in the division, with order books up 25 per cent over the past year, boded well for 1989 and beyond, said Mr Parvin.

The group hopes to sell all its mining and minerals operations in the next few months. They lost £704,000 after a trading profit of £904 million in 1986. Negotiations are taking place with various parties.

The design and construction division, which contributed £2.78 million at the trading level, up by £1.5 million on 1986, had experienced a significant increase in orders to record levels since the start of the year, Mr Parvin said.

Oil, gas and chemical businesses saw profits slide from £6.75 million to £4.90 million in 1987, despite a £3.05 million pensions contribution, as offshore workload declined.

Mr Parvin said Matthew Hall was now concentrating more on onshore work, particularly in the petrochemical and pharmaceutical industries.

HRGM holds up despite rate cuts

By Alison Eadie

Hogg Robinson & Gardner Mountain, the insurance group which demerged from the Hogg Robinson travel and estate agency group last year, made pro forma pretax profits in the year to end-December of £12 million, against £11.7 million the previous year.

Profits held up better than at other Lloyd's brokers, because HRGM has about 70 per cent of its business in retail brokerage, rather than wholesale brokerage where the effect of rate-cutting has been more severe.

In Britain, the company's retail turnover rose 12.5 per cent, but its wholesale turnover fell 11 per cent.

In the US, the retail business increased its turnover by 18 per cent in dollar terms, though only 5 per cent in sterling terms.

The fall in the value of the dollar wiped £1.2 million off group profits.

No final dividend is being paid, because of the change of year-end to December from March. The next dividend will be for the six months to end-June.

Exceptional charges of £2.5 million related to reorganization expenses, closure of a loss-making subsidiary and errors and omissions provisions.

An extraordinary charge of £5.3 million was made to cover the costs of the demerger and defence against the bid from TSB, as well as divestment and post-demerger reorganization costs.

Wembley scores £2m

Wembley, the company created this year by the merger of the GRA Group and the Wembley stadium complex, yesterday reported pretax profits of £2.15 million for 1987 and a maiden dividend of 1.1p.

The profits compare with £118,000 earned in 1986 on a restated basis and are made up of £3.49 million from continuing activities and £1.34 million lost by subsidiaries sold during the year.

Mr Brian Wolfson reversed his unquoted Wembley Investments into GRA, formerly the Greyhound Racing Association and the owner of six dog racing tracks, becoming chairman of the merged group.

He said that first-quarter trading had shown a continuation of the 1987 improvement with results running ahead of budgets. The group was investigating various projects and acquisitions to accelerate growth of the core sports and entertainment businesses.

He added: "I hope to be announcing something soon."

Dipping a toe into commerce

Liquid assets: Bill Harper at the Stoke Newington treatment plant which is to be redeveloped (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

With the privatization of the water authorities now being planned, Thames Water is taking a commercial look at its assets.

Mr Bill Harper, the managing director of Thames, Britain's largest water authority, believes that just five of its water treatment sites alone could bring in £60 million.

By next year Thames should be free of historic debt. It is looking to privatization in 18 months to two years, probably after the Government tries an initial flotation with one of the smaller authorities such as Southern Water.

Mr Harper said: "There are still legal constraints on us as a public body but our attitudes have been changing. At one time it was only when an operational site had passed out of use that we would look at it as a development area. Now we are looking at our sites as assets in the broadest sense and on how they may be best used."

But he added: "What we get out of this depends on how we develop the assets and on the planning permissions we get. A lot of the sites have amenity value – there are many stretches of water and interesting buildings – so we are very sensitive to the environmental and conservation aspects."

Prime examples are the five water treatment sites which are to be phased out when a new deep tunnel system becomes operational to move more drinking water to London consumers. The five sites are at Stoke Newington, covering 83 acres; Surbiton (64 acres); Barn Elms, Richmond (138 acres); Hornsey (31 acres); and Kempton, near the racecourse (187 acres).

Thames hopes the eventual proceeds from the disposal of the five sites will cover 25 per cent to 30 per cent of the £180 million to £200 million cost involved in the deep tunnel system and the upgrading of some plants.

At Stoke Newington a filter beds area is to be given over to residential development. One of two reservoirs will run dry as the site ceases to be a "water factory" and the area designated for housing. Thames intends to introduce an element of "social" housing probably by involving housing associations.

A remaining reservoir will be kept for recreation purposes while a large historic pumping house, a listed building, is expected to be turned to community and commercial use. About 47 acres will be redeveloped leaving nearly half the total site as a public amenity.

Thames has a joint venture with Wimpey, the construction company, for building 458 homes at the Queen Elizabeth reservoir, Walton-on-Thames.

The authority is also capitalizing on its in-house expertise by expanding overseas consultancy, which should bring in £1 million this year, and offering specialist services on large-scale pipework and improving water quality in large buildings such as hospitals and prisons.

US steps up Ulster investment

By Robert Rodwell

A new electronic sensor design, development and manufacturing company for the Antrim Technology Park in Northern Ireland was announced yesterday.

News of the company, Neotech (NI), raises – within 24 hours – the value of US investments in the province to almost £10 million and 300 new jobs, the Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board disclosed. For on Tuesday, the US owners of Irlandus Circuits, which produces printed circuit boards at Craigavon, Co Armagh, announced a £4.9 million expansion of the plant to increase employment there from 220 to 320 over four years.

Neotech (NI) is being set up by Mr David Ripley, an inventor from Dallas, Texas, in partnership with Bloomer Electronics, the Ulster company, and with minority equity participation of the US government-backed International Fund for Ireland.

The IFI's venture capital arm is putting up £450,000 for 10,000 shares in Neotech, which is its first green field investment.

With Bloomer's technical support, Mr Ripley, aged 28, has developed what is claimed to be the world's first micro-electronic digital tyre pressure gauge and more accurate than conventional mechanical gauges currently used.

Entering volume production in September, 100,000 will be produced at Antrim in the first year, and a million during the first four years – during which employment will rise to 200.

Initial models, costing less than $40 (£21.60), are already being sold in the US, where 22 million analogue tyre pressure gauges are sold annually. US filling stations, unlike British and European forecourts, do not normally provide air lines with integral gauges.

A new custom-built microchip being developed for Neotech by Texas Instrument will, from September, permit models displaying pressures in kilogrammes per square centimetre and atmospheres to be produced for the continental Europe and Japanese markets.

"This is not a limited single-product commitment we are making to Northern Ireland," Mr Ripley said in Belfast yesterday. "Pressure and temperature measurement is a very large area and pressure measurement has lagged behind temperature testing in adopting micro-electronics.

"We intend to develop and produce here a whole range of sensors with applications in various industrial, aerospace and consumer fields, and we are going for a tyre gauge in the first instance because the market is so big."

On the Irish-American campaign to deter US investment in Northern Ireland, Mr Ripley said that after two years of working there: "I have been able to look behind the headlines and see the quality of people here and realise the potential of this area to support a high-tech venture like this."

The NI authorities see these two investment decisions as a valuable setback for the Republican anti-investment campaign.

Best year for new jobs

A brighter economic picture in Northern Ireland was highlighted when the provincial Industrial Development Board announced its best year's results since its 1982 foundation.

The number of new jobs promoted in the year to March 31 was 5,300, 300 above target, and up on 1986-87's 4,200, which was the previous best.

Nearly 900 of the new jobs are promised by 12 investment projects from companies new to Northern Ireland, but the majority result from the expansion of companies already there, both locally owned or headquartered elsewhere.

These have enjoyed booming sales, particularly in the garment and textile sectors, with the revival of the United Kingdom economy and the shopping bonanza along Britain's high streets. But many also are benefiting from increased penetration of export markets, and from showing a far greater awareness of marketing opportunities overseas, said Mr John McAllister, the IDB chief executive.

APPOINTMENTS

Kleen-e-ze: **Mr Nigel Swabey** and **Mr Clive Beharrel** are made executive directors. **Mr Peter Ward** becomes a non-executive director.

William Baird: **Mr John Parsons** becomes a director from May 3.

Lewes Design Workshops: **Mrs Pam Duffill, Miss Anita Elderkin** and **Mr David Jarman** have joined the board.

Stag Furniture Holdings: **Mr Nicholas Radford, Mr Roger Blaney** and **Mr George Ella** are made directors.

Thames Television: **Mr John Davey** has been appointed deputy chairman.

Marr Frozen Foods: **Mr David Cheeseman, Mr Jeff Evans, Mr Gerry Raines** and **Mr Dave Vickers** become directors.

Granville & Co: **Mr Steven Sussman, Mr James Wellesley Wesley** and **Mr David Williamson** have been appointed to the board. **Mr Mike Nally, Mr Richard Verson** and **Mr David Webb** have been made assistant directors.

Hamworthy Engineering: **Mr John Hirsch** is now a non-executive director.

Dale Electric International: **Professor Peter Lawrenson** has been made a non-executive director.

Shandwick Consulting Group: **Mr Frank Barnard** has been appointed a director.

Davidson Pearce Group: **Miss Kazia Kantor** has joined the board as group finance director.

Berkeley St James's: **Mr Robert Lim** has been promoted to director of finance.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	8.00%
Adam & Company	8.00%
BCCI	8.00%
Consolidated Crds	8.00%
Co-operative Bank	8.00%
C. Hoare & Co	8.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	8.00%
Lloyds Bank	8.00%
Nat Westminster	8.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	8.00%
TSB	8.00%
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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 147TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF UNITED KINGDOM TEMPERANCE AND GENERAL PROVIDENT INSTITUTION will be held at CITY HALL, FISHERTON STREET, SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE, ON WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY 1988, at 2.00 p.m. to transact the following business.

1. To receive the Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December 1987 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon
2. To re-elect as Directors of the Institution the following Directors, who retire by rotation:

   Ian Johnstone
   Michael Melluish
   Paul Tapscott
3. To elect the following Directors who have been appointed since the last Annual General Meeting:

   Michael Doerr
   Kenneth O'Reilly-Hyland
4. To re-appoint Messrs Deloitte Haskins & Sells as the auditors to the Institution and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration

By Order of the Directors
B W SWEETLAND Secretary
14th April 1988

United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution, United Kingdom House, 72/122 Castle Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 3SH

NOTES

(a) A member is entitled to appoint another person (who need not be a member) to attend the above meeting and vote instead of him

(b) To be valid the instrument appointing a proxy, which should be as near to the form set out in rule 6.12 of the Rules of the Institution as circumstances admit, and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority, must be deposited at United Kingdom House, 72/122 Castle Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 3SH not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the meeting, or adjourned meeting, or, in the case of a poll, not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll.

(c) Proxy forms may be obtained on application to the Secretary.

(d) Members intending to attend and vote personally at the meeting should be prepared to quote their policy numbers.

(e) Only members are entitled to vote. Certain policyholders are not members. If a policyholder who is not also a member completes and returns a form of proxy it will not be counted.

(f) Members have one vote each irrespective of the number of policies held.

(g) Members are entitled, on application to the Secretary, to a copy of the Report and Accounts.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 155TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF FRIENDS' PROVIDENT LIFE OFFICE will be held at GLAZIERS HALL, 9 MONTAGUE CLOSE, LONDON BRIDGE SE1 on WEDNESDAY 11TH MAY 1988, at 2.30 p.m. to transact the following business.

1. To receive the Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December 1987 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon
2. To re-elect as Directors of the Office the following Directors, who retire by rotation:

   Frederick Cotton
   Michael Doerr
   Michael Fox
   Ian Johnstone
3. To elect the following Directors who have been appointed since the last Annual General Meeting:

   John de Havilland
   Kenneth O'Reilly-Hyland
   The Hon Richard Stanley
4. To re-appoint Price Waterhouse as the auditors of the Office and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration
5. As special business to consider the following special resolution:

   "THAT Rule 1(1) of the Rules of the Office be altered by inserting at the end of the definition of "person insured" the word "and" and the following new sub-paragraph:

   "(d) for the avoidance of doubt, a person who, on the relevant date, is a member (otherwise than in the capacity of shareholder or stockholder) of a company in respect of a policy issued by that company, the liability whereunder shall have been assumed by the Office under a scheme for the transfer to the Office of all or part of the business of that company pursuant to section 49 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982, and so that:

   (i) such person shall commence membership of the Office on the relevant date;

   (ii) such person shall be deemed for all purposes of the rules (other than the first sentence of rule 9) to have effected a policy with the Office; and

   (iii) the "relevant date" shall be the date upon which the scheme is sanctioned by order of the court, or such other date as the scheme may provide;"

By Order of the Directors
B W SWEETLAND Secretary
14th April 1988

FRIENDS' PROVIDENT LIFE OFFICE, Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1QA, England.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No. 001799 of 1988

IN THE MATTER of FRIENDS' PROVIDENT LIFE OFFICE
–and–
IN THE MATTER of UNITED KINGDOM TEMPERANCE AND GENERAL PROVIDENT INSTITUTION
–and–
IN THE MATTER of the INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT 1982

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 21st March 1988 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice by the above-named FRIENDS' PROVIDENT LIFE OFFICE ("Friends Provident") for the sanction of the Court under Section 49 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 to a Scheme ("the Scheme") providing for the transfer to Friends Provident of the whole of the long term business (as defined by Section 1(1) of the said Act) of UNITED KINGDOM TEMPERANCE AND GENERAL PROVIDENT INSTITUTION ("UKP") and for orders making ancillary provisions in connection with the said transfer under section 50 of the said Act.

Copies of the said Petition, the Scheme and a Report by an Independent Actuary in pursuance of the said Section 49 of the said Act may be inspected at each of the offices specified in the Schedule hereto during normal business hours for a period of 21 days from the publication of this notice.

The Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Warner at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 13th June 1988. Any person (including any employee of UKP or Friends Provident) who claims that he or she would be adversely affected by the Scheme may appear at the time of the said hearing in person or by Counsel. Any person who intends so to appear, and any policyholder of Friends Provident or UKP who dissents from the Scheme but does not intend so to appear, should give not less than two clear days' prior notice in writing of such intention or dissent and of the reasons therefor to the Solicitors named below.

Copies of the documents referred to above will be furnished by such Solicitors to any person requiring them prior to the making of an Order sanctioning the Scheme on payment of the prescribed charge for the same.

DATED 14th April 1988

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STOCK MARKETS: TOKYO

Shares follow US rise

(Reuter) – Share prices closed higher in robust trading on a stable dollar and following Wall Street's overnight rise to a post-crash record, brokers reported.

Buying enthusiasm was limited ahead of the Group of Seven meeting yesterday and the release of US trade figures today, although there was not too much concern.

Mr Takeshi Murakami, deputy branch manager of Schroder Securities, said: "No bad news is expected for the Japanese market."

The Nikkei Dow index gained 54.71 points, or 0.20 per cent, to 26,985.55. It firmed by 5.97 points on Tuesday. Rises almost matched falls in volume of 1 billion shares against 750 million.

Communications, pharmaceutical, warehouse, precision instrument, mining, shipbuilding, construction, airline, railway/bus and securities house issues led the advance. Non-life insurance, road transport, paper/pulp, property and some manufacturing shares declined.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 2,110 on Tuesday and six consecutive rallies on Wall Street have created a calm backdrop to trade in Tokyo, brokers said.

However, there is little incentive to buy actively ahead of this week's events, brokers said and an effort is still being made to keep the index below 27,000. If the market rises at what may be considered too heady a pace there is concern that margin requirements will again be increased.

The stock exchange tightened margin requirements on the buying and selling of Japanese equities on March 17.

While the index did reach another post-crash high yesterday, it never passed 27,000, the high for the day being 26,995.28 in the late afternoon.

Although domestic institutions are still maintaining low profiles, they have begun to nibble at blue chips. "Domestic institutions thought the market was a little too high, and that steels and the big heavy industries were far too high," a broker said. "They feel much happier going into blue chips, most of which are off their peaks.

● **Hong Kong** – Prices finished firmer at the day's highest levels yesterday on strong buying interest, particularly from overseas institutions, brokers said. The Hang Seng index rose 35.30 to close at 2,671.24 and the Hong Kong index rose by 24.11 to 1,756.13.

Turnover reached HK$1.13 billion (£781 million) against HK$1.17 billion on Tuesday.

	Apr 12	Apr 11		Apr 12	Apr 11		Apr 12	Apr 11
AMR Cp	42⅞	41¾	Fedders	9⅜	9⅝	Pennzoil	78⅝	77⅞
ASA	45¼	45	Firestone	79⅝	79⅝	Pepsico	36⅜	36⅜
Aetna Life	45¼	44⅞	Fst Chicago	25⅝	25¼	Pfizer	58⅝	57⅜
Allied Signal	33⅝	33⅝	Fst Int Bncp	45⅜	45	Phelps Dod	43⅞	44
Allis Chlm	1⅝	1⅝	Fst Penn C	10⅞	10⅜	Philip Mor	90	90⅞
Alcoa	45½	45⅜	FT Wachva	37¾	38	Philip Ptrl	18⅞	18⅞
Amax Inc	21⅝	20⅝	Ford Motor	47⅞	47⅞	Polaroid	33⅞	33⅞
AMR Hess	33	31⅜	GAF Cp	53⅜	54	Primerica	28⅝	27¼
Am Brands	45	45⅝	GTE Cp	36⅝	35⅝	Proct Gble	83⅝	82⅝
Am Cynmd	52	52⅜	Gen Cp	18¾	18⅝	Pub S E G	23⅞	23⅜
Am Ele Pwr	28	28	Gn Dynam	54⅞	54⅜	R Nabisco	52	51⅞
Amexs	26⅝	26¼	Gen Electric	42⅝	42⅜	Raytheon	67⅞	67⅝
Am Family	15⅝	16⅝	Gen Inst	35⅞	35⅞	Rynlds Metl	45⅞	44⅜
Am Home	80	77⅜	Gen Mills	48⅝	48⅝	Rockwell Int	19⅞	20
Am Int Grp	55⅜	55	Gen Motors	75⅛	75⅝	Royal Dutch	123⅝	122⅜
Am Stand	77⅞	77⅝	Gen Pub Ut	32⅝	33⅝	SFE Sopac	15⅝	16⅝
Am Telph	28⅛	27⅜	Genesco	4¼	4⅜	Sara Lee	40⅝	40⅜
Amoco Cp	79⅞	79	Georgia Pac	41⅝	41⅝	Schlumb	37⅞	37⅞
Anheusr B	32¼	32¼	Gillette	43⅝	43⅝	Scott Paper	39⅝	37⅝
Armco Steel	12⅝	12	Goodrich	54¼	50⅞	Seagram	54	54⅜
Asarco Inc	23⅞	23⅜	Goodyear	67⅞	67⅝	Sears Roeb	36¼	36⅞
Ashland Oil	70⅞	69	Gould Inc	11⅞	11⅜	Shell Trans	81¼	80⅝
Atl Richfld	90⅝	89⅛	Grace Co	28⅜	28⅝	Singer	49⅝	49⅝
Avon Prod	25⅞	25⅞	Grt Atl Pac	38	37⅜	Smith Beck	56⅝	58⅝
Bk Boston	24⅞	24¾	Greyhnd	32⅞	32⅜	Sony Cp	44¼	43⅝
Bank NY	33⅞	33⅝	Gruman	23⅞	23⅜	Sth Cal Edi	31⅜	31⅜
Bankamer	10⅝	11	Gulf & West	79⅛	79⅜	SW Bell	36⅝	36⅝
Bkrs Tst NY	31⅞	30⅝	Heinz	43	43⅞	Squibb	65⅝	64⅜
Baxter	22⅝	23⅞	Hercules	52⅜	53⅞	Sterl Drug	n.a	n.a
Beth Steel	22⅝	22⅜	Hewlett Pk	63⅝	64⅝	Stevens JP	68⅝	66⅝
Boeing	47⅞	47⅞	Honeywell	70	68⅝	Sun Comp	61¼	60⅜
Boise Casc	48⅜	48⅜	IC Ind	36⅜	38⅝	TRW Inc	48	48⅝
Borden	53⅜	54	ITT Cp	47⅞	47⅞	Teledyne	335¼	332⅞
Bristl Meyr	42⅝	42⅜	INCO	25⅝	25⅜	Tenneco	45⅞	44⅜
BP	61¼	61⅞	Ing Rand Wi	40¼	40⅜	Texaco	49⅝	48⅝
Brunswick	23	22⅞	Inland Steel	33⅝	33	Tex Eastn	30⅝	30
Burl Nth	71¼	69⅝	IBM	113⅝	113⅝	Texas Inst	53⅜	52⅝
CBS	161¼	160⅝	Int Paper	45	45⅞	Tex Util	28	28
CMS Engy	18	17⅝	Irving Bk	66⅝	67	Textron	26⅝	26⅝
CPC Int	50⅝	50⅝	Jhns & Jhns	84	82⅝	Travelers	35⅞	36
CSX Cp	31⅞	31⅜	K Mart	36⅞	36⅜	USG	38⅝	38
Camp Soup	29⅞	29⅝	Kaisertech	14⅜	14⅞	USX Cp	33⅝	31⅞
Can Pacific	19⅝	19⅝	Kerr McGee	40	39⅝	Unilever Plc	36	36⅜
Caterpillar	67⅞	65⅝	Kimbrly Clrk	57⅜	57⅜	Un Carbide	24¼	24⅝
Centrl SW	31⅝	31⅞	Kraft	54⅜	55	Un Pac Cp	69⅝	68
Champion	36	35⅞	Kroger	33¾	33⅞	Unisys Cp	34⅜	35⅜
Chase Man	26⅜	25⅝	LTV Cp	3⅜	3⅝	Utd Brands	48	47⅞
Chem NY	23⅜	23⅜	Litton	87	88⅝	Us West	53⅝	54
Chevron	50⅝	49⅞	Lockheed	45	45⅜	Utd Tech	40⅝	40⅞
Chrysler	24⅞	24⅝	Lucky Str	54	53⅝	Unocal	40⅝	39⅞
Citicorp	20	20	Man H'over	25⅝	26	Warn Lamb	75	74⅞
Clark Eq	29⅝	29⅝	Manville	2⅝	2⅝	Wells Far	56⅜	55⅞
Coca Cola	39⅝	39⅝	Mapco	54⅞	52⅝	Westg El	55⅝	54⅜
Colgate	43	43⅜	Marriott	31⅜	31	Weyerhsr	40⅝	40⅜
Columb Gas	28⅝	28⅜	Mt Marrieta	45⅜	45⅝	Whirlpool	26⅝	26⅜
Cmb'tn Eng	34⅜	33⅜	Mesco	27⅝	27⅝	Woolworth	54⅝	54⅜
Cmwlth Edi	26⅝	26⅝	Mcdonalds	44⅝	44	Xerox Cp	55⅝	55⅜
Cons Edis	44¼	44	McDonnell	65⅜	65⅝	Zenith	20⅜	20⅝
Consol Ng	36⅝	37¼	Mead Cp	41⅛	40⅝			
Cont Data	26⅝	27	Merck	168⅜	165⅝	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	55	54⅝	Minsta Mng	62⅝	62⅝			
Crane	33⅝	32⅜	Mobil	49⅝	48⅝	Agnico Eag	18⅝	18⅝
Curtiss W	51¼	51⅜	Monsanto	84⅜	84⅜	Alcan Alum	35⅝	35⅜
Data Genl	24	24⅝	Montedison	13	13⅜	Algoma Stl	19⅝	19.50
Deere Co	47⅝	47⅝	Morgan Jp	32⅝	32⅝	Can Pacific	24⅝	24⅝
Delta Air	51⅛	50⅝	Motorola	48⅝	48⅝	Cominco	18⅜	18⅝
Detroit Edi	13⅜	13⅜	NCR	61¼	60⅝	Con Bathrst	17⅞	18⅜
Digital Eq	107⅝	107⅝	NL Indstrs	6⅝	7	Hawk S Can	23	22⅝
Disney	56⅝	57	Nat Md Ent	22⅝	22⅝	Hud Bay M	20	19⅜
Dow Chem	88	88⅜	Nat Semi	13⅝	13⅜	Imasco	28⅝	28⅝
Dressr Ind	35¼	35⅝	Norfolk Sth	29⅝	29⅜	Imperial Oil	63	61⅜
Dupont	88	87⅜	NW Bancrp	43⅝	43⅜	Int Pipe	46⅝	46⅝
Duke Pwr	45¼	45⅝	Occid Petl	28⅝	27⅝	Royl Trstco	16⅜	16⅝
East Kodak	42⅞	42	Ogden Cp	31⅝	30⅝	Seagram	67	67⅜
Eaton Cp	85	83⅞	Olin Cp	52⅞	52	Shelco 'A'	24	42
Emerson El	31⅞	31⅜	PPG Ind	42⅝	42⅝	Thmsn N.'A'	28⅜	28⅝
Emery Air	6¼	6⅞	Pac Gas El	15⅝	15⅜	Vanity Cp	4.60	4.60
Exxon	45⅝	44⅜	Pan Am	2⅞	2⅜	WCT	17⅜	17⅝
Farah Inc	10	10⅜	Penney JC	50⅜	49⅝	Weston	35¼	35

NEW YORK

Dollar dip hits Dow at opening

(Reuter) – Shares fell in early trading yesterday on fairly light turnover. Brokers reported that profit-taking was encouraged by a fall in the dollar on renewed talk that the Group of Seven had no firm floor for the dollar against the yen.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell by 12 points to 2,098.08. Declining issues outnumbered rising ones by about two to one.

Pfizer rose by 2¼ to 59⅛ amid talk of a takeover bid. IBM, one of the constituents of the Dow average, was up by 1⅜ to 115. Its first-quarter earnings were at the high end of forecasts.

On Tuesday, the Dow average closed 14.09 higher at 2,110.08.

FRANKFURT

AEG lifted by Daimler plans

(Reuter) – Early optimism again turned sour on West German exchanges, with share prices falling back from opening highs to end mixed, as the higher dollar failed to spark sustained buying, dealers said.

Electricals were strong, led by AEG, which rose to 248.80, 3.10 points up on Tuesday's finish. The increase came after Daimler confirmed rumours that it wanted to increase its majority stake in AEG.

IMF chief warns of leaner times for Third World

The IMF and the World Bank are expected to produce a new initiative for the Third World at their meeting in Washington. But Onno Ruding, chairman of the interim committee, says it may mean more belt-tightening

'Fresh resources alone will not be enough': Onno Ruding

Further belt-tightening is to be expected by developing countries after the annual meeting in Washington between the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, says Mr Onno Ruding, chairman of the fund's interim committee.

"The recent initiatives by the World Bank, the IMF, and the Paris Club to ease the way for cash-strapped countries in the Third World are fine," he says. "But it is already clear that fresh resources alone will not be enough."

The enhancement of the IMF's structural adjustment fund, whose resources were increased this year from 3 billion to 9.5 billion special drawing rights, will provide for long-term concessional financing with a maturity of 10 years, and carry the token annual interest rate of 0.5 per cent.

"But the IMF is principally a monetary institution, not a charity, and one of its main tasks is to assist countries to overcome their balance of payments problems," says Mr Ruding, a hard-line Christian Democrat member of the ruling Dutch coalition party who has come under fire from the country's vociferous Third World lobby.

Educated at Rotterdam's Erasmus University, where he received a doctorate in economics in 1967, Mr Ruding is a banker's banker rather than a development aid politician. He headed the international monetary affairs division of the Finance Ministry from 1965 until 1970. After six years as joint general manager of the securities underwriting and corporate finance department of the Amsterdam-Rotterdam bank, he joined the IMF in 1977 as an executive director. On returning to the Netherlands, Mr Ruding joined Amro Bank's board of directors and, in 1982, was appointed finance minister.

The forging of closer links between the IMF and the World Bank – on his agenda for today and tomorrow – is something he claims could alleviate some of the debt problems facing the developing world. His alleged concern for the low income countries, whose repayment bills this year are expected to total more than three times that in 1980, led to the establishment of a special fund for these countries.

While Mr Ruding believes soft loans to be more the business of the World Bank than of the IMF, he remains open, or at least says he does, to providing such interest facilities as soft loans – and perhaps even the writing-off of some debts. This is just as well, considering that at least two-thirds of the sub-Saharan countries, for example, find it difficult to pay while their trade-related arrears exceed $10 billion (£5.4 billion).

Striking a "fairer balance" between financing and adjustment is a matter of following the IMF's case-by-case approach. "Insufficient financing with respect to either amount or period can lead to crisis situations, unwarranted exchange rate depreciation and restrictions or debt default," he says, suggesting he may support some new allocations. "But too much leniency in financing payment difficulties or financing for too long a period tends to postpone the necessary adjustment. This danger is heightened when countries finance themselves by sources other than conditional fund credit."

He clearly favours medium-term rescheduling while making loans conditional on such conservative economic reforms as the reduction of high exchange rates, increases in agricultural prices to boost production, and the reversing of government spending favouring towns over the country.

He defends the fund's policies as being "correct, justified, and not over-conservative under the actual, often very seriously imbalanced, circumstances," despite the failure of some reform programmes through inadequate donor funding and a scarcity of foreign exchange.

Strict conditions are not to blame for poor growth and other problems, he will insist in Washington, suggesting that IMF conditions "enable troubled countries to resume a satisfactory growth rate after a period of necessary stabilization." At the same time, he admits that some austerity programmes provide insufficient stimulation for economic growth, employment, and direct investment.

"We should exercise firm surveillance over the policy behaviour of all member states in a symmetrical way." Such surveillance should support countries in the follow-up of their adjustment efforts and promote greater exchange rate stability.

"With better balance of payments equilibrium, the financial role of the fund could get less emphasis."

In handling both the debt problem of the middle-income countries and the structural problems of the poorest, he will move to see the World Bank play a more substantial role in future. "In many countries, the necessary adjustment policies are under way, and there's now a growing need to tackle the structural bottlenecks to development."

The IMF's small share in financing balance-of-payments deficit, believes Mr Ruding, requires better co-ordination with commercial bank lending. Such lending encourages oil exporters to invest excess funds in short-term bank deposits instead of recycling larger amounts in the form of direct long-term country-to-country grants.

Commercial banks, he says, could co-ordinate future activities with the IMF in several ways. These include national bank supervisory bodies playing an intermediate role; direct co-financing between the IMF and commercial banks; exchange of information about borrowing and deficit countries; and parallel financing whereby bank credit is extended to countries subject to them toeing the appropriate political line.

Peter Spinks

Dutch buy for Fisher

By Martin Waller

Albert Fisher, the food importer and distributor, has purchased a Netherlands fruit processing group, De Leeuw's Handelsonderneming, for a maximum price of 90 million Dutch guilders (£25.71 million).

The group's main offices are in Rotterdam and its largest processing plant is in Belgium, from which it supplies the European food industry, as well as US drinks companies such as PepsiCo and the Coca-Cola Co.

Fisher is paying 70 million guilders initially, 52.5 million in cash and the balance in new shares. A maximum 20 million guilders is payable also if profits pass 28 million guilders in the next two years.

The vendors are principally five senior managers, who have agreed to stay on for at least three years. De Leeuw's, which employs 130 people, made pretax profits of 11 million guilders last year on sales of 245 million guilders.

US architect slips to $1.5m

Tribble Harris Li, burdened by the short-term costs of acquisitions that have not yet paid their way, suffered a profits setback last year. The US architectural and design company, quoted on the USM, reported pretax profits down from $1.89 million (£1.02 million) to $1.5 million in the year to November 30. THL said earnings per share were nearly unchanged at 8.18 cents. A final dividend of 3.2 cents makes a total of 4.8 cents for 1987.

Air Canada to be sold

From John Best, Ottawa

The Canadian Government has announced plans to privatize Air Canada, the national airline.

Mr Don Mazankowski, the deputy prime minister, said the move would permit Air Canada to raise the billions of dollars needed to buy new aircraft.

The transfer to private ownership will take place in stages, with a maximum of 45 per cent of Air Canada shares being offered for sale at first. Eventually, all the shares will be made available to the public. Foreign ownership will be restricted to 25 per cent.

Mr Mazankowski said Air Canada – the largest of Canada's carriers, with 22,000 employees and about 100 aircraft – needed a significant cash injection to replace its rapidly ageing fleet.

The first priority would be the replacement of the airline's medium-range Boeing 727s.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

AMI Healthcare (215p)	278 +2
Acre Oil	186
Archer (AJ) (130p)	160 –1
Assoc Nursing	138
Aukett Ass (95p)	100
BWD (95p)	96
Brit Pet P/P	79 +2
GWR Gp	345
Gardner (DC)	153 +3
Holders Tech (140p)	141
Hughes (HT)	78 +1
ISA Intl (80p)	122 +2
Inshops (52p)	89 +5
Lon Forfaiting (160p)	161 +1
MTL Inst New	75
Norfolk House (100p)	106
Pennine Optical	50
Psion	117
Reliable Props	£14½ +2
Resort Hotels (14p)	17½
River&Merc Am Inc	102
Selective Ass	71 –2
Shaftsbury (180p)	153 –2
Shanks McEwan (650p)	810 +5
Shorco	136 –18
TGI (130p)	131 +3
Titon Hldgs (80p)	84 +1
Total Systems	85 –1
UK Paper (135p)	144
Vosper Thorny (160p)	176

RIGHTS ISSUES

Banro N/P	3 –1
Compsoft N/P	10
FKB Gp N/P	21
Kleen-E-Ze N/P	45 –10
Leigh Int N/P	47 +4
Logica N/P	40 +5
Lucas N/P	50
Persimmon N/P	36 +7
Tootal N/P	5 –½
Wickes N/P	30

(Issue price in brackets).

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	898	Coats	555	Laporte	294	Royal Ins	552
Abbey	187	CU	2,79	L&G	486	Saatchi	469
Alld-Lyons	1,335	Cons Gold	819	Lloyds	1,068	Sainsbury	837
Amstrad	981	Cookson	91	Lonrho	1,642	Scot & N	988
ASDA	1,571	Courtaulds	657	Lucas	512	Sears	1,608
AB Foods	406	Dalgety	617	Magnet	670	Sedgwick	1,447
Argyll	359	Dee	2,910	M&S	8,225	Shell	1,327
BAA	3,531	Dixons	3,143	Maxwell Cm	625	Smith & N	1,217
BET	13,128	ECC	359	MEPC	323	Smith WH	552
BTR	2,352	Enterprise	309	Metal Box	1,984	STC	1,440
BAT	1,806	Ferranti	3,303	Midland	609	Stan Chart	790
Barclays	2,280	Fisons	1,500	NatWest	685	Storehse	2,544
Bass	352	Gen Acc	90	Next	1,701	Sun Allnce	319
Beecham	922	GEC	8,369	Nth Food	3,019	T & N	286
Beazer	858	Glaxo	1,530	P&O	870	Tarmac	1,597
BICC	556	Globe	639	Pearl	253	Tate & Lyle	255
Blue Arrow	1,267	Granada	906	Pearson	218	TSB	3,979
Blue Circle	1,100	Grand Met	1,103	Pilkington	1,827	Tesco	5,880
BOC	844	GUS 'A'	143	Plessey	1,758	Thorn EMI	438
Boots	2,243	GRE	297	Prudential	1,330	Trafalgar	1,360
BPB	243	GKN	520	Racal	4,054	THF	2,363
Br Aero	3,824	Guinness	706	Rk Hovis	2,100	Ultramar	125
Br Airways	1,859	Hamm 'A'	128	Rank	358	Unigate	2,691
Br Comm	260	Hanson	5,500	R&C	484	Unilever	1,626
Br Gas	4,700	Hawker	300	Redland	521	United Bis	5,246
Br Petrol	6,400	Hillsdown	1,519	Reed	1,451	Utd News	316
Br Telecm	3,062	IMI	64	Reuters	774	Wellcome	1,175
Britoil	335	ICI	555	RMC Gp	989	Whitbrd	514
Bunzl	1,077	Inchcape	41	RTZ	1,264	Williams	766
Burmah	1,248	Jaguar	733	R-Royce	1,517	Willis Fab	3,036
Burton	2,171	Lasmo	736	Rothmn 'B'	120	Wimpey G	220
C&W	2,745	Ladbroke	1,470	Rowntree	61,188	Woolworth	304
Cadbury	7,272	Land Sec	601	Royal Bank	378	Equities page 29	

Base Rate

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TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
March 28	April 15	June 30	July 11

Call options were taken out on: 13/4/88 Ferranti, Waterford Glass Wts, Cons Gold, Control Securities, Floyd Oil, Wheway, Beacon, Oliver Resources, Thomson T-Line, Delta Group, Powerscreen, North Kalgurli Mines, Thermal Syndicate, Shorco, ML Laborities, Spargos, Brown & Jackson, B Priest, Woolworth, Premier Cons, MBS, Sound Diffusion, Dares Estates.
Puts & Calls: Eagle Trust, Polly Peck.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon (*390)	360	33	43	53	2	11	18
	390	9	27	35	7	25	30
	420	2½	13	-	32	40	-
Bass (*849)	800	52	82	105	3	18	27
	850	15	52	75	15	40	50
	900	2	28	52	55	70	77
Brit Air (*189)	140	30	33	37	½	3	7
	160	11	16	20	1	11	13
	180	1	7	12	13	21	24
Brit Coms (*295)	280	20	32	42	2	10	17
	300	6	20	30	7	20	25
	330	1	9	17	35	42	45
Brit Gas (*182)	160	23	27½	-	½	2½	-
	170	13	19½	24	1½	5	8½
	180	4½	13	17½	3½	9½	13½
BP (*277)	240	35	44	49	½	5	9
	260	16	28	35	2	9	14
	280	3½	16½	24	9	18	23
Britoil (*516)	420	98	-	-	1	2	2
	460	58	62	70	2	3	6
	500	20	30	40	2½	8	15
Cons Gold (*930)	850	85	140	160	3	35	60
	900	40	105	120	13	53	80
	950	18	80	95	47	80	105
Courtauld (*335)	300	37	47	55	1	9	13
	330	8	25	35	5	18	25
	360	2	13	23	30	40	45
	390	1	7	-	58	63	-
Com Union (*341)	300	40	53	58	2	7	13
	330	10	30	38	4	15	22
	360	1	13	23	25	30	40
C & W (*338)	330	12	32	38	4	22	27
	360	2	16	25	23	38	45
	390	1	7	16	53	60	65
GEC (*149)	140	10	18	20	1	5	9
	160	1	7	9½	12	16	20
	180	½	2½	4½	31	32	35
GKN (*309)	280	32	44	50	1½	7	12
	300	13	29	38	3	14	18
	330	1	16	24	20	30	33
	360	½	7	-	50	51	-
Grand Met (*490)	420	72	83	92	1	5	9
	460	32	52	63	1½	15	20
	500	5	30	42	15	30	38
	550	2	13	22	62	65	72
ICI (*1020)	950	80	115	135	2½	28	43
	1000	30	80	105	11	47	65
	1050	7	57	-	38	72	-
	1100	2½	37	58	90	105	125
Jaguar (*288)	260	32	43	48	1	9	14
	280	13	32	37	3½	17	22
	300	3	20	26	15	25	33
Land Sec (*551)	460	93	98	108	1	4	7
	500	53	63	77	2	11	18
	550	10	32	45	8	28	35
M & S (*189)	160	31	33	37	½	3	4
	180	11	18	24	1	9	11
	200	2½	10	13	13	20	21
R-Royce (*116)	110	8½	14	18	1½	5½	9
	120	2	8	12	6	10	13
	130	½	5	9	15	17	20
STC (*241)	220	22	31	41	1	6	11
	240	7	19	28	7	15	19
	260	2	10	18	20	25	29
Sainsbury (*243)	220	24	27	35	1	6	8
	240	6	15	22	5	13	18
	260	½	8	12	18	26	28
Shell (*1098)	1000	100	132	145	2	20	35
	1050	50	98	-	4	30	-
	1100	17	68	87	23	53	68
Storehse (*253)	220	35	42	47	1	7	10
	240	15	30	35	1	15	17
	260	4	20	25	11	25	25
	280	1	13	-	28	35	-
Trafalgar (*329)	300	31	40	50	3	8	12
	330	7	20	30	6	22	27
	360	1½	10	18	32	40	45
TSB (*105)	100	7	12	14	1	4	6
	110	1	5½	9	6	9	11
	120	½	3	4	16	17	18
Woolworth (*297)	260	40	47	52	1	8	15
	280	20	32	40	2	15	22
	300	6	16	27	10	25	32

	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Amstrad (*162)	140	27	33	37	3½	7	9
	160	15	20	24	12	16	18
	180	5	12	16	24	25	27
Barclays (*424)	460	10	22	30	42	50	56
	500	4	10	17	77	82	87
	550	1	4	-	127	127	-
Beecham (*476)	420	65	72	83	4	13	17½
	460	35	48	58	15	26	32
	500	18	30	38	37	47	52
	550	4	-	-	78	-	-
Boots (*227)	220	19	24	31	8	14	17
	240	9	15	20	20	25	29
	260	3	9	-	35	39	-
BTR (*257)	240	27	36	40	5	11	14
	260	14	24	29	14	20	23
	280	6	15	20	27	32	34
Blue Circ (*450)	420	40	53	65	13	22	28
	460	20	35	43	35	45	53
	500	8	18	28	68	73	80
Dixons (*177)	160	24	30	34	4	9	12
	180	11	18	22	12	16	20
	200	4	8	12	26	28	32

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Glaxo (*1016)	950	100	142	155	18	35	48
	1000	68	110	125	35	55	70
	1050	43	83	-	62	80	-
	1100	24	62	78	98	107	123
Hanson (*133)	120	16½	20	23½	2	4½	6
	130	8	14	18	5	8	10
	140	4½	9½	13	10½	13½	15
	160	1	4	6	27	28½	28½
Hawker (*471)	460	28	43	50	20	30	37
	500	11	27	33	48	53	60
	550	4	15	20	90	93	98
Lonrho (*251)	220	36	40	45	4	7	9
	240	18	27	32	8	13	15
	260	8	16	21	18	22	25
	280	4	8½	-	31	35	-
Midland (*389)	360	47	55	62	8	15	17
	390	23	33	42	20	25	30
	420	9	18	28	35	45	47
Sears (*131)	120	15	18½	21	3½	6	9
	130	6½	13	16	9	11	14
	140	4	8	11	15	18	20
Tesco (*161)	140	26	31	35	2	5	6
	160	9½	17	21	9	13	14
	180	4	9	11	22	24	26
Thorn EMI (*611)	500	125	135	-	2	8	-
	550	77	95	102	4	17	27
	600	35	54	62	20	37	50
	650	15	22	37	45	60	70
THF (*239)	220	28	35	40	3	9	12
	240	13	22	27	11	18	23
	260	6	12	15	27	33	38
Unilever (*475)	460	38	56	65	14	21	26
	500	17	35	46	35	41	47
	550	5	17	-	75	77	-
Wellcome (*479)	420	73	93	104	8	18	28
	460	43	68	81	20	33	42
	500	25	48	62	42	53	63

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAA (*115)	100	18	24	33	2½	9	9
	110	12	18	27	4½	11	14
	120	5½	13	21	8	16	19
Brit Aero (*418)	330	93	102	108	3	6	10
	360	65	78	85	4	10	18
	390	37	54	63	9	18	30
	420	18	35	46	20	30	40
BAT Ind (*435)	390	52	68	-	3	9	-
	420	29	47	58	9	18	27
	460	9	27	38	30	40	47
	500	3	14	23	67	68	73
Brit Tele (*249)	220	33	37	43	1	6	8
	240	16	23	27	4	12	15
	260	4½	13	17	13	24	25
Cadbury (*275)	240	39	48	57	1½	7	10
	260	21	34	43	7	11	17
	280	10	22	30	14	20	28
Guinness (*304)	260	48	-	62	1	-	10
	280	30	-	47	5	-	15
	300	15	-	37	12	-	25
Ladbroke (*411)	300	115	120	-	1	1	-
	330	85	90	95	1½	3	7
	360	57	62	68	2½	9	16
LASMO (*346)	280	70	75	87	2	9	12
	300	51	56	73	5	15	22
	330	27	42	58	13	27	30
Pilkington (*215)	200	20	28	33	6	10	14
	220	8	16	20	14	18	23
	240	3	9	12	30	33	38
	260	2	5	-	48	50	-
Plessey (*154)	140	18	23	28	3	8	11
	160	6½	12	18	11	17	20
	180	3	6½	11	28	32	35
P & O (*599)	500	107	120	125	3	6	10
	550	60	77	87	8	15	25
	600	23	50	60	23	35	50
Prudential (*809)	800	35	65	83	20	40	55
	850	10	43	60	57	65	78
	900	4	25	38	100	105	110
Racal (*225)	200	29	38	46	2	7	11
	220	15	26	35	8	15	20
	240	8	15	23	21	27	31
RTZ (*380)	300	85	95	-	2	9	-
	330	57	70	80	5	16	22
	360	34	47	57	13	27	33
	380	21	-	-	23	-	-
Vaal Reefs (*87)	80	11	16	18	3	5	8½
	90	5	10	12	6	12	16
	100	2	6	9½	15	19	20
Tr 12% 1995 (*114)	110	4½	4½	4½	1/16	17/32	29/32
	112	2½	2½	2½	5/32	1	1½
	114	1	1½	1½	21/32	1½	2½
	116	9/16	21/32	15/16	2 7/32	3¾	3¾
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*121)	114	6¾	-	-	¾	-	-
	116	4½	-	-	5/16	-	-
	118	3¼	-	-	17/32	-	-
	120	2 5/32	-	-	1¼	-	-
	122	1¾	-	-	2¾	-	-

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Series	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
1600	220	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
1650	170	183	203	215	4	13	20	25
1700	120	140	162	175	7	20	30	35
1750	75	103	123	137	13	32	43	52
1800	40	67	90	107	26	50	60	72
1850	15½	43	63	80	52	75	87	95
1900	4	25	40	58	92	105	117	127

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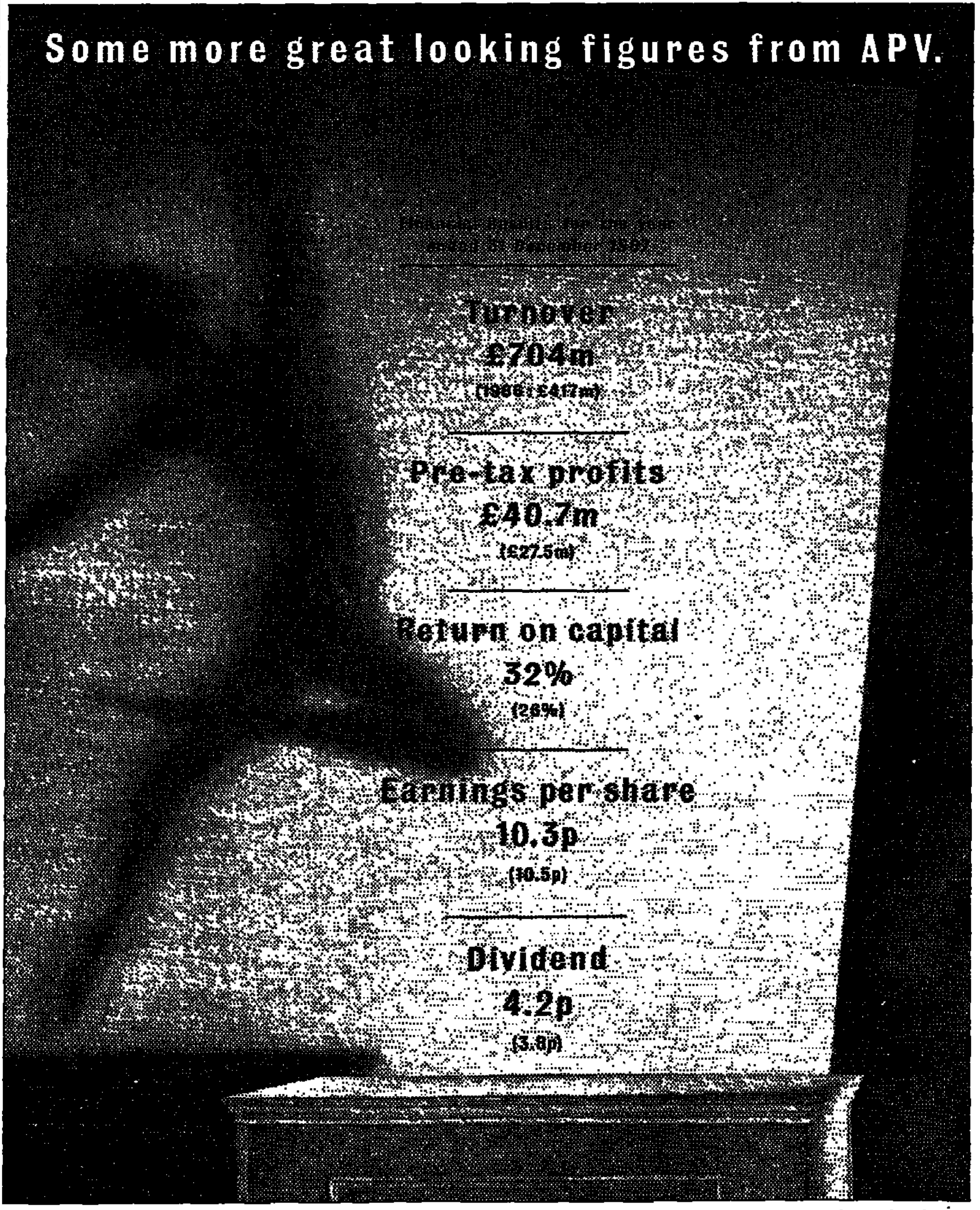

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	114.0	122.2●	+0.3	8.18
Hi Inc Equity	115.2	122.5●	+0.6	4.66
Worldwide Bd	185.9	197.7	+0.2	4.91
American Gth	144.8	154.0	+1.1	1.57
Asian Pacific	60.8	64.8	+0.9	1.18
Assets & Earns	134.6	143.1	+0.5	1.75
Capital Res	78.1	78.3●	..	3.83
Comm Energy	85.1	91.0	+0.7	1.08
Euro Capital	66.2	70.8●	+0.5	1.06
General	160.4	170.6	..	2.64
Japan	95.3	101.9	+0.5	..
UK Gth Inc	124.8	132.7●	+0.9	2.00
Do Acc	183.4	195.1●	+1.3	1.36
US Emerg Co	39.8	42.5	+0.1	0.00
Income Gth	246.7	262.4	+0.8	3.62
Master Acc	69.0	73.7	+0.4	2.37
American Inc	40.4	43.2	+0.3	5.34
Ethical Tst	41.0	43.6	+0.2	2.87
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070				
20, Chiswell St, London EC1Y 4TY Tel: 01-374 6801				
UK Growth	30.5	32.4●	..	3.24
N Amer Inc	24.1	25.6●	+0.1	4.67
World Gth	39.0	41.5	+0.3	1.10
Extra Inc	37.5	39.9●	..	6.13
Formerly Baltic Trust Managers				
American	39.2	41.8	+0.4	2.21
Amer Extra Inc	35.3	37.5●	+0.4	8.13
Australian	19.3	20.6	+0.3	1.70
Euro Tst	41.0	43.6	+0.3	0.00
Gt/Fxd Interest	23.5	25.1●	+0.1	9.52
Global Income	34.6	36.9●	+0.2	5.25
Hi Income	53.0	56.4	+0.1	5.41
Income Growth	63.6	67.7	..	4.41
International	83.1	88.5	+0.4	0.80
Japan Gen	164.0	174.5	+0.4	0.01
Special Sits	62.0	66.0●	-0.4	1.33
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 6494				
Euro Gth Acc	99.5	106.0●	+0.7	1.15
Exempt	383.4	404.8●	+0.4	4.75
Far Eastern	202.8	217.4●	+1.7	0.10
Fin & Prop	78.0	82.6	..	2.57
Hi Yield	71.0	75.2●	-1.8	4.95
Income & Gth	298.1	315.8●	+0.33	4.53
Int Earnings	175.1	185.5●	+0.3	3.01
Int Growth Inc	84.3	89.8●	+0.7	0.26
Japan Gth Acc	152.0	162.7	+0.8	0.20
N Amer Gth Inc	106.5	114.6	+0.9	2.81
Preference Inc	124.8	132.2●	+0.3	9.23
Smi Co Div Inc	88.9	94.2	+0.4	4.69
Smi Co Gth	272.3	288.5	+1.8	1.67

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 552 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DE Tel: 01-588 6698				
Capital	387.8	413.9●	-1.3	3.00
European S S	47.4	50.5	+0.1	2.48
Far East S S	47.5	50.6	+0.1	2.48
Gold Gen S S	47.9	51.1	+0.1	2.48
Income	337.6	360.3●	..	3.53
Int Sp Sits	47.4	50.5	+0.1	2.48
Nth Amer	230.4	245.9●	+3.1	1.94
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Investment	432.9		..	4.87
Fixed Int	147.6		..	8.89
Deposit	100.0		..	8.71
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Income	407.55	●	..	5.27
Acc	£12.6917		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	8.20
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS				
Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-606 6622				
Man Retmnt	22.0	23.3●	..	..
SC Special Sits	60.8	64.3	..	0.43
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393				
Amer Gth	18.9	20.1●	+0.2	0.13
Atlas Gth	21.8	23.1	-0.3	0.92
Dragon Gth	20.5	21.7	+0.3	1.61
Equity Hi Inc	56.3	59.8●	..	4.73
Do Acc	54.9	58.2	..	4.84
European Gth	23.8	25.2	+0.2	1.64
Gen Equity	48.1	50.9	..	2.85
G/F Intrst Gth	33.4	35.2	+0.1	7.17
Gilt & Fixed Inc	25.3	26.7●	+0.1	8.65
Int Income Tst	22.8	24.0	+0.1	5.61
Japan Gth	47.1	49.9	+0.3	0.00
Pedigree Gth	28.7	30.4	..	2.21
Special Sits	34.3	36.4	+0.1	1.94
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	53.0	56.4	..	3.17
Do Acc	54.3	57.8	..	3.17
Income Inc	55.1	58.6●	+0.1	4.03
Do Acc	57.1	60.7●	+0.1	4.03
Worldwide Inc	42.8	45.8	+0.3	0.92
Do Acc	43.3	46.3	+0.3	0.92
Gamma Inc	33.5	35.8	+0.1	1.31

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Inc Fd	89.8	95.7●	+0.1	4.61
Far East Fd	88.1	93.8	+0.8	0.00
Overseas Inc	57.1	60.8	+0.4	4.84
Fxd Interest	59.0	62.8	-0.1	9.09
Natural Res Fd	55.4	59.0	+0.4	2.04
European Inc	59.4	63.2	+0.1	2.43
Financials Fd	44.3	47.2	+0.2	2.64
Int Tech Fd	101.6	108.1	+0.5	0.66
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	65.6	70.2●	..	..
Do Inc	63.8	68.3●	..	0.40
Hi Yield Acc	28.7	30.8●	..	..
Do Inc	27.1	29.0●	..	5.60
Inc Gth Acc	54.9	58.5	..	..
Do Inc	48.9	52.1	..	6.50
Serv Co Acc	65.2	69.5	..	..
Do Inc	63.9	68.1	..	0.80
Amer Gth Acc	21.7	23.2	..	..
Do Inc	21.6	23.0	..	1.00
Euro Gth Acc	15.7	16.7●	..	1.00
Do Inc	15.6	16.6●	..	1.00
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel: 0800 414161				
American	95.1	101.6	+0.9	1.00
Amer Eqty Inc	25.8	27.4	+0.2	5.76
Amer Spec Sit	45.4	48.6	+0.8	0.00
Australia	21.4	22.8	-0.1	2.38
European	51.3	54.6	+0.5	..
European Inc	20.0	21.3	+0.1	4.40
Global Conv	22.7	24.3●	..	6.42
Far East Inc	37.5	39.9	+0.1	3.59
Gt/Fxd Interest	30.2	30.4●	-0.1	9.38
Growth & Inc	111.8	119.9	+0.5	4.18
Japan Spec Sit	69.6	74.5	+0.2	..
Japan	163.9	175.3	+1.0	..
Managed Intl	121.6	129.4●	+1.4	0.66
Inc Plus	103.0	110.2	+0.5	4.69
Famous Name	39.4	42.3	+0.1	2.85
SE Asia	33.5	35.9	+0.1	0.84
Spec Sit	238.9	256.2	+0.7	0.69
Eastern Opps	22.0	23.5	..	..
Intl Bond	24.1	25.7●	+0.1	6.58
Recovery	27.5	29.5●	+0.1	2.35
Moneybuilder	24.3	25.9	+0.2	3.47
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181				
Amer/Gen Inc	166.0	177.3	+0.7	..
Do Acc	171.6	181.1	+0.7	..
Amer Turn Inc	186.8	197.1	+1.6	1.03
Do Acc	193.8	204.5	+1.7	1.03
Capital Inc	260.8	275.2●	+1.0	2.37
Do Acc	323.3	341.2●	+1.3	2.37
Conv/Gilt Inc	103.3	109.0	-0.1	5.27
Do Acc	145.5	153.5	-0.2	5.27
European Inc	53.3	56.2	+0.4	1.18

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Do Acc 3	243.4	258.2c	+0.9	5.00
Int Inc 2	106.9	113.4	+1.4	2.00
Do Acc 2	144.5	153.3	+1.5	2.00
Smlr Inc 5	84.7	89.9	+0.6	1.85
Do Acc	91.7	97.3	+0.6	1.85
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876				
Growth	32.1	34.2a	+0.1	2.95
Income	41.0	43.6a	+0.1	4.46
Far East	28.3	30.1a	+0.1	0.21
Nth American	26.8	28.5a	+0.1	0.73
Global	44.2	47.0●	+0.2	0.73
European	37.6	40.0●	..	1.34
Japan	87.5	93.1	+0.4	0.01

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Higher Inc Acc	319.9	340.3●	+0.8	4.52
Do Inc	241.9	257.3●	+0.4	4.52
Gilts & Fxd Acc	114.1	120.1	+0.2	8.32
Do Inc	85.5	89.9	+0.2	8.32
N Amer Acc	118.0	125.5●	+0.8	0.00
Far East Acc	208.5	221.8●	+1.1	0.00
Euro Tst Acc	123.7	131.5	+1.0	1.16
Gen Tst	252.3	268.4●	+0.7	3.60
Brit Excell	39.8	42.3	+0.1	2.82
Br Fdmtls Inc	48.6	51.7	+0.3	5.94
Do Acc	48.6	51.7	+0.3	5.94
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT				
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680				
US Smlr Co	54.3	57.8	+0.2	0.81

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Oil & Energy	41.9	45.0	..	2.22
Spec Sit	99.8	106.5	+0.5	0.82
UK Sm Co Rec	100.2	107.5	+0.5	0.74
Gartmore (formerly Oppenheimer) Tst Management Ltd				
Glob Inc/Gth	68.4	73.0●	+0.4	4.17
Pacific Gth	44.4	47.3	+0.5	1.47
Pract Inv Inc	63.4	67.8●	+0.1	2.76
Do Acc	118.6	126.8●	+0.1	2.76
W'wide Recov	85.2	90.9	+0.4	1.19
Selected Opportunities Tsts				
American	27.7	29.5●	+0.4	0.40
European	53.9	57.4	+0.1	1.16
International	110.7	118.1	+0.7	0.84
Japan	68.4	72.9	+0.7	0.00
UK	58.4	62.7	-0.5	1.24

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Higher Inc	138.8	146.3	+0.5	5.87
Income	84.6	90.0	+0.7	3.99
International	54.4	58.2a	+0.7	1.11
KLEINWORT BARRINGTON LIMITED				
10 Fenchurch St London EC3 Tel: 01-623 8000 Dealers:01-929 0776				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	47.4	52.8	-1.0	6.41
Do Acc	47.4	52.6	-1.0	6.41
Gilt Yield Inc	110.7	114.1	+0.4	9.35
Do Acc	214.8	220.8	+0.8	9.35
Global Inc	138.2	147.0	+0.2	4.69
Do Acc	243.1	258.6	+0.3	4.69
High Yield Inc	106.2	113.0●	+0.6	5.69
Do Acc	226.8	241.3	+1.1	5.69

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Pres Japan	117.2	122.2●	+0.1	0.00
Pres Si/Mai	34.6	38.0	+0.7	0.10
Presage UK	88.4	92.1	+0.8	1.41
Presage US	58.2	60.6	+0.3	1.41
W'wde Alpha	46.6	50.0	..	..
Do Acc	46.6	50.0	..	..
SAVE & PROSPER				
28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB Tel: (Romford) 0708-766966				
Amer Inc/Gth	50.8	54.0	+0.2	8.90
Capital Uts	101.7	108.1	+0.5	2.12
Commodity	63.1	67.1●	-0.6	0.93
European Gth	87.7	93.2	+0.2	1.46
Financial Sec	103.6	110.2	+0.4	2.59
Hi Return Uts	221.6	235.7	+0.2	4.77

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS				
Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks Tel: (0296) 394000				
Amer Eagle	62.0	65.7	+0.2	1.25
Australian	6.8	7.4	+0.1	0.10
Commodity	80.3	85.5	+0.2	1.05
Equity	146.0	155.8	+0.2	3.15
Equity Exempt	110.6	117.8	..	1.55
Equity Ex Acc	210.1	224.0	..	1.55
Euro Spec Sit	70.4	74.9	+0.7	1.45
Convertible	151.1	161.0	+0.4	5.43
Financial	29.0	30.9a	..	2.04
Global Inc	56.7	60.4	+0.6	0.00
Do Acc	56.7	60.4	+0.6	..
Gold Income	49.2	52.4c	+0.1	0.95

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey La EC2 8BT Tel: 01-606 9085/6				
Shi Dtd Gilt Fd	77.4	78.4●	+0.2	0.00
US Govt Bd Fd	£52.8	52.9	..	..
Challenger	53.6	53.7	+0.1	0.00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD Tel: 01-405 8331				
Conv & Equity	67.4	71.8	+0.1	6.25
Income	75.6	80.5	+0.4	4.05
Gth	77.6	82.6●	+1.2	2.23
Prop Share	43.4	46.2	..	1.73
Smaller Cos	57.9	61.6●	+0.2	2.11

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 8th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
14	7	A & M Gp	8½	10	-½	..●	..	35.2
328	228	ASD	290	305	● ..	13.0	4.4	8.4
75	51	ATA Selection	60	65	..	2.2	3.5	28.0
37	23	Aber Am Pet	31	34	+1	..	..	..
60	46	Aberdeen Stk Hse	47	52	..	1.8e	3.2	..
..	..	Access Satellite	..	..	..	4.4	..	..
37	22	Acorn Comp	28	31	+1	—	..	28.0
83	55	Acsis Group	65	75	..	..	..	..
220	168	Airsprung	170	180	-2	8.5	4.9	9.5
25	55	Ald Restaurants	77	82	●+2	1.7	2.1	..
90	76	Amer Bus Sys	80	85	..	2.2	2.7	36.7
199	136	Antler	192	197	● ..	4.8	2.5	16.0
362	289	App Holographics	285	293	..	..	..	..
81	64	Aran Energy	74	75	+2½	..	..	..
480	340	Ashtead	425	445	+5	4.1	0.9	38.8
440	370	Aspen Comms	423	433	●-2	7.0b	1.6	18.8
308	268	Asprey	260	275	-5	5.6	2.1	15.0
33	21	Assoc Energy	31	33	+3	..	..	33.3
151	110	Assoc Nursing	135	140	..	..	..	..
87	73	Atlantic Sec	72	77	-1	..	..	..
233	162	Atlas Equipment	175	185	+5	8.0	4.4	14.7
121	115	Automagic	113	118	● ..	8.9	7.7	17.7
55	50	BBB Design	48	53	..	2.1	4.1	8.1
48	34	BCE	35	38	+1	1.4	3.8	14.9
85	61	BTS Grp	78	83	..	5.8	7.2	15.4
98	95	BWD	94	98	..	5.1	5.3	7.7
205	135	Beaverco	180	190	..	6.9	3.7	14.7
120	73	Bedford (William)	77	87	●+2	6.4	7.8	7.5
103	68	Bensons Crisps	70	75	●+2	0.7	1.0	12.4
120	90	Berry,Birch & Noble	90	100	..	6.2	6.5	9.1
105	92	B'ston&Battersea	90	100	●+3	5.8	6.1	13.2
30	27	Bio Isolates	25	28	..	..	..	..
29	16	Biomechanics	27	29	+1	..	..	..
78	48	Blanchards	50	55	..	..●	..	8.5
500	423	Blenheim Exhib	455	485	●+5	7.3	1.6	39.1
337	270	Bluebird Toys	265	275	●-5	8.5	3.1	10.7
122	98	Bonded Laminates	117	127	●+2	4.1	3.4	17.4
51	33	Border TV	38	43	+3	2.0	4.9	10.5
121	85	Borland	105	112	+2	..	..	..
32	10½	Brewmaker	10	11½	..	2.1	19.1	45.8
143	132	Br Bloodstock	128	138	..	12.1	9.1	9.7
107	71	Br Island	103	106	-1	2.7	2.6	14.2
63	31	Broad St	35	37	..	2.8	7.2	14.5
405	335	Brookmount	340	360	..	6.1	1.7	18.9
154	95	Bryant (Derek)	102	110	..	2.7	2.5	27.2
7½	4½	Buta Resources	4½	5½	-½	..	..	..
250	155	Burford	215	225	..	0.4	0.2	41.7
102	93	CCA Galleries	88	98	..	3.8	4.1	12.9
257	160	CCF	183	193	..	4.1	2.2	9.2
120	111	CML Micro	110	115	..	..	..	..
94	75	CPU Comp	70	80	..	..	..	62.5
75	9	CSL Corp	65	70	+1	..	..	..
220	190	Caledonian Off	205	215	..	..	..	..
112	85	Camotech	92	100	..	2.8	2.9	26.5
86	60	Cap & Regional	85	90	..	0.1	0.1	67.2

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96	73	Hampden Homecare	85	90	●-2	2.5	2.8	10.9
70	58	Harmony Leisure	62	64	+1	0.1	0.2	..
155	108	Hatfield Estates	147	157	-1	2.1	1.4	..
35	19½	Hawthorn Leslie	34½	35½	+3	0.3	0.8	35.0
93	58	Health Care	63	68	+1	1.2	1.8	16.7
720	700	Heavitree	705	735	..	17.0	2.4	19.4
675	650	Do 'A' LV	650	670	..	17.0	2.6	17.8
111	85	Hewetson	92	97	● ..	3.7	3.9	16.0
156	119	Hey & Croft	153	158	+3	5.3	3.4	11.5
185	150	Highland Part	153	158	+1	..	..	..
48	40	Hile-Ergonom	45	50	+2	2.7	5.6	11.4
52	39	Hobson	45	48	+1	..	..	51.6
250	208	Hodgson	220	225	† +3½	3.2	1.4	19.2
148	141	Holders Tech	138	143	..	8.2	5.8	..
138	84	Holmes Protection	134	137	+6	..	..	..
153	115	Honeysuckle Gp	148	153	● ..	5.6	3.7	14.4
155	123	Hornby	148	153	+1	4.4	2.9	15.1
111	75	Hughes Food	95	100	●+2	0.7	0.7	37.7
81	64	Hughes (HT)	76	79	+1	3.1	4.0	..
38	19	Humbrol Elec	25	28	-1	..	..	..
75	60	Huntleigh Tech	55	65	-5	1.4	2.3	41.7
85	70	INSTEM	70	80	..	3.4	4.5	16.3
90	45	Image Storage	42	52	..	..	..	..
24	6	Intec	9	10½	..	..	..	1.3
58	33	IntraRed	32	37	..	..	..	..
260	183	Intereurope Tech	170	195	● ..	8.8	4.8	7.9
555	375	Interlink Express	445	455	● ..	9.3	2.1	23.8
27½	21	Israel (Jack L)	25	26	+¼	0.7	2.7	26.3
375	310	Jaques Vert	350	360	..	9.6	2.7	18.8
15	13	Jetsons	12	14	..	..●	..	0.4
132	80	Johnson Fry	100	110	..	3.4	3.2	12.7
136	110	Johnstones Paints	108	113	● ..	6.5	5.9	9.8
200	150	JSB Elec	195	205	..	4.1	2.1	19.3
91	65	Just Rubber	65	70	+3	2.7	4.0	11.7
323	273	Kenyon Secs	265	280	..	8.2	3.0	51.2
150	105	Kewill Systems	127	137	+2	2.1	1.6	16.6
54	40	Klark-Teknik	45	50	+5	1.8	3.8	10.8
118	88	Knobs & Knockers	111	116	+1	1.6	1.4	..
42	31½	Kunick	39	41	+½	1.4	3.5	..
75	56	LPA Ind	65	72	+1	4.1	5.9	12.0
180	133	Laidlaw Thomson	148	158	● ..	6.6	4.3	11.9
160	135	LBMS Plc	155	165	..	1.4	0.9	..
85	85	Lewmar	75	95	..	3.6	4.2	10.2
510	430	Local Lon Gp	490	510	-5	10.0	2.0	25.7
130	107	Lodge Care	108	118	-4	5.5	4.9	19.5
110	95	Lon & Clydeside	98	108	+3	7.8	7.6	12.0
164	153	Lon Forfaiting	160	162	+1	8.9	5.5	..
168	123	Lorin Elect	125	135	..	4.8	3.7	9.5
43	29	Lysander Pitr	30	32	+1	..	..	..
86	58	MG Cash & Carry	67	72	+2	5.2	7.4	9.7
525	108	MMT Comp	112	117	+2	1.5	1.3	16.8
81	74	MTL Inst New	73	77	..	2.7b	3.6	11.4
250	190	McLaughlin & Har	235	245	● ..	11.0	4.6	10.8
83	63	Magnetic Materials	67	72	●+2	4.0	5.7	9.3
193	80	Mainmet	170	180	● ..	2.4	1.4	30.5

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24	15	New England Props	17½	18½	+½	..	..	16.4
100	90	Do 10%	85	95	..	0	11.1	..
97	73	Newage Trans	88	93	●+3	4.8	5.3	8.0
108	105	Norfolk House	103	108	..	..	..	..
85	42	Nortain	42	49	..	1.0	2.2	..
61	36	Nth Sea & Gen	40	43	..	..	..	8.3
113	81	Northumbrian Fine	90	95	+2	2.4	2.6	16.3
84	45	Oilfield Inspec	58	62	-2	..●	..	9.0
20	15	Optometrics	13	16	..	..	..	..
345	238	Orchid Tech	200	275	..	..	..	..
257	250	Osborne & Little	250	260	..	5.9	2.3	16.6
153	142	PCT	137	147	..	4.9	3.5	20.7
73	44	PNL	47	51	-5	1.7	3.5	12.1
145	130	Pacer Systems	125	135	-3	..	..	..
280	215	Pacific Sales	240	250	●	2.7	1.1	36.7
295	216	Parkway	282	292	+2	2.1	0.7	37.5
26	19	Pathfinders	22	24	..	..	..	..
14	8	Pavion	8	10	..	..●	..	5.7
265	205	Pegasus	230	240	-3	5.6	2.4	..
285	258	Pepe Group	260	270	● ..	5.1	1.9	16.7
48	38	Pericom	38	43	..	1.4	3.4	20.5
103	66	Perkins Foods	95	100	-2	1.5	1.5	28.1
295	240	Personal Computer	255	275	●+1½	5.3	2.0	17.8
178	130	Peters (Michael)	140	145	● ..	4.5	3.1	14.2
16	10	Petrogen	9	10½	..	..	..	..
78	53	Picadilly Radio	75	80	●+3	3.1	4.0	17.6
88	52	Pict Pet	79	83	-1	..	..	11.1
90	68	Pineapple	82	87	+4	..	..	27.0
61	58	Plasmec	57	60	-1	3.8	6.4	7.4
85	45	Platon	81	86	+1	2.3	2.7	4.8
225	185	Plum Hldgs	210	220	+2	4.1	1.9	29.4
150	80	Polytech Marine	115	125	-3	..	..	..
139	115	Psion	115	119	..	..	..	..
101	78	Prism Leisure	85	89	..	2.0	2.3	7.7
103	75	Promoprint	98	108	+11	1.4	1.4	33.6
3½	2½	Property Trust	2½	3	..	..	..	..
158	138	Quarne	138	143	..	4.5	3.2	16.7
227	183	Questel	180	185	-2	7.4	4.0	8.9
91	78	RKF	87	90	-1	3.0	3.4	12.7
98	80	Radamec	83	93	..	1.8	2.0	19.0
122	97	Radio City 'A'	118	125	+1	..	..	15.5
121	89	Radio Clyde	117	124	+2	5.8	4.8	11.9
242	96	Radius	115	120	s +1	2.9	2.5	32.5
25	22	Ramco Oil	21	24	..	..	..	5.6
180	130	Ramus	133	143	● ..	8.9	6.4	7.5
161	121	Randsworth	143	148	●-1	1.4	1.0	38.5
94	72	Real Time Control	70	77	..	2.7	3.6	12.9
60	46	Reguss Health	50	52	..	0.4	0.8	32.9
145	103	Reliance Sec	100	110	..	6.2	5.9	9.6
40	34	Reliant Motor	34	37	+1	..	..	12.9
18	15½	Resort Hotels	16½	18	..	0.6n	3.4	12.2
88	68	Rockwood	81	86	●+1	0.6	0.7	16.7
181	173	Rolfe & Nolan	175	180	..	4.8	2.7	19.5
95	91	Rural Planning	92	97	..	..	..	..
181	133	SAC	132	140	..	4.8	3.5	13.8

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565	495	Utd Friendly	530	560	..	31.4	5.8	..
160	141	Usher (Frank)	143	148	●+3	8.8	6.0	10.3
70	38	WSP Hldgs	60	65	● ..	2.2	3.5	14.0
75	43	Wayne Kerr	68	71	..	2.5	3.6	12.7
33	22	Welpac	24	29	..	0.5	1.9	18.4
56	38	Wentworth	37	42	+2	2.4	6.0	12.9
185	118	West Yorkshire	160	165	● ..	6.2	3.8	15.4
253	195	Whinney Mackay	185	205	-15	3.8	1.9	25.0
28½	17	Williams Syst	22½	24	-1	0.3	1.3	21.4
65	42	Wilson (Rex) Hldgs	44	46	-1	1.0	2.2	38.8
157	123	Wood John D & Co	140	150	●-2	3.4	2.3	14.7
178	98	Woodrons Better	125	145	+5	5.3	3.9	18.6
110	76	Wld of Leather	97	107	●+2	4.4	4.3	14.2
215	145	Wyevale	145	155	●	4.0	2.7	15.8
73	60	Wyko	70	75	●+2	3.6	4.9	18.1
34	23	Yelverton	29	32	+2	..	..	27.7
79	51	Yorks Tst Gp	57	62	..	2.0	3.3	13.9
107	88	Zygal Dynamics	73	83	-2	1.4	1.8	11.2

THIRD MARKET

200	155	Abelscot	175	190	●	6.3	3.4	11.4
37	33	Aber Am Pet	31	34	+1	..	..	..
125	98	Allied Ins	100	107	..	5.5	5.3	13.3
44	18	Amercover	25	30	..	..	..	..
85	63	Andaman Res	73	78	† ..	..	..	..
88	58	Beckenham	70	75	..	..	..	..
185	68	Broadcast	153	163	..	..	..	..
112	85	Camotech	92	100	..	2.8	2.9	26.5
145	110	Chelsea Art	140	150	..	..	..	..
49	37	Cleaner Intl	30	35	..	..	..	..
92	65	Comac	87	97	+4	3.4	3.7	10.2
67	53	Corton Bch	55	58	..	0.6	1.1	15.4
155	123	Crown Eye	125	135	..	..	..	39.4
16	10½	Egleton	10½	12	-½	..	..	..
143	93	Far E Res	110	120	..	..	..	..
39	22	Honeytaitr	37	39	+1	..	..	..
56	41	Kemp (PE)	42	47	..	..	..	8.4
101	66	Leading Lsr	87	90	..	1.6	1.8	18.2
65	45	Lyra Tech	40	50	..	..	..	5.2
140	89	Medirace	114	119	+18	..	..	..
41	16	Norton Gp	18	22	-1	..	..	..
50	50	Panone Optical	48	51	..	..	..	13.5
33	13	Pub Hldgs	12	15	..	..	..	8.1
80	70	Seacon	67	72	..	..	..	..
221	200	Takare	215	225	+7	..	..	..
58	41	Theme Hldgs	48	53	●+1	1.5	2.9	12.1
135	120	UPL	115	125	..	..	..	..
142	120	Unit Group	134	144	●-3	6.9	5.0	7.8

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 77.5 (day's range 77.5-77.6).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for April 13

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8425-1.8465	1.8425-1.8435	0.18-0.15pr	0.55-0.50pr
Montrl	2.2788-2.2844	2.2810-2.2841	0.04-0.24ds	0.22-0.45ds
Amstrdm	3.4945-3.5046	3.4945-3.4980	1½-⅞pr	3⅝-3¼pr
Brussels	64.97-65.39	64.97-65.13	19-4pr	45-25pr
Copnhgn	11.9085-11.9681	11.9085-11.9242	par-1⅝ds	1¼-3⅝ds
Dublin	1.1648-1.1693	1.1662-1.1672	31-22pr	74-54pr
Frankft	3.1138-3.1234	3.1138-3.1173	1½-1pr	4-3¼pr
Lisbon	253.57-255.19	253.57-254.63	63-111ds	186-292ds
Madrid	205.97-207.51	205.97-206.40	25-45ds	71-103ds
Milan	2307.69-2316.40	2307.69-2310.79	1-6ds	10-18ds
Oslo	11.5615-11.5997	11.5615-11.5770	5-6⅜ds	15⅝-17¼ds
Paris	10.5581-10.5931	10.5581-10.5685	½pr-½ds	¾pr-⅞ds
Stckhlm	10.9282-10.9774	10.9282-10.9396	⅞-1⅜ds	3¼-4⅝ds
Tokyo	232.43-233.97	232.43-232.74	1⅝-½pr	2⅝-2pr
Vienna	21.82-21.94	21.82-21.85	8⅝-7¼pr	24½-21⅛pr
Zurich	2.5792-2.5860	2.5792-2.5825	1⅝-1pr	4¼-3⅝pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	12.4285-12.5298
Australia dollar	2.4765-2.4798
Bahrain dinar	0.6950-0.6990
Brazil cruzado *	223.54-224.78
Cyprus pound	0.8240-0.8340
Finland marka	7.4500-7.4900
Greece drachma	248.50-250.50
Hong Kong dollar	14.4000-14.4097
India rupee	24.37-24.57
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5055-0.5095
Malaysia dollar	4.7495-4.7541
Mexico peso	4140-4240
New Zealand dollar	2.7925-2.7984
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.9100-6.9500
Singapore dollar	3.7037-3.7077
S Africa rand (fin)	5.4191-5.5201
S Africa rand (com)	3.9730-3.9808
U A E dirham	6.7650-6.8050

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5815-1.5830	Denmark	6.4610-6.4660	Italy	1251.5-1253.0
Singapore	2.0080-2.0090	W Germany	1.6892-1.6899	Belgium (Com)	35.29-35.34
Malaysia	2.5750-2.5760	Switzerland	1.3983-1.3993	Hong Kong	7.8070-7.8080
Australia	1.3426-1.3435	Netherlands	1.8945-1.8955	Portugal	137.90-138.40
Canada	1.2365-1.2375	France	5.7270-5.7300	Spain	111.90-112.00
Sweden	5.9310-5.9360	Japan	126.18-126.28	Austria	11.87-11.88
Norway	6.2660-6.2710				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 8½ Finance Hse 9½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 8 Low 7¾ Week fixed: 7⅝

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth — 7²⁷⁄₃₂ 3 mth — 7²⁷⁄₃₂
Selling: 2 mth — 7²²⁄₃₂ 3 mth — 7²¹⁄₃₂

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 7⅞-7¹³⁄₁₆ 2 mth: 7²⁷⁄₃₂-7²⁵⁄₃₂ 3 mth: 7²⁷⁄₃₂-7²⁵⁄₃₂
6 mth 8¹⁄₃₂-8

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 8½ 2 mth: 8¹⁵⁄₃₂ 3 mth: 8¹⁵⁄₃₂
6 mth 8²³⁄₃₂

Interbank (%). Overnight: open 8 close 8½
1 week: 8⅛-7⅞ 1 mth: 8¹⁄₁₆-8 3 mth: 8¼-8³⁄₁₆
6 mth: 8½-8⁷⁄₁₆ 9 mth: 8¹³⁄₁₆-8¹¹⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 9-8⅞

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 7⅞ 7 day: 7⅞ 1 mth: 8
3 mth: 8⁷⁄₁₆ 6 mth: 8⅝ 12 mth: 8¹³⁄₁₆

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 8¼-8 2 mth: 8¼-8 3 mth: 8¼-8
6 mth: 8⅝-8¼ 9 mth: 8¾-8½ 12 mth: 8⅞-8⅝

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mth: 8-7⅞ 3 mth: 8⅛-8 6 mth: 8⅜-8¼
12 mth: 8¾-8¹¹⁄₁₆

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mth: 6.80-6.75 3 mth: 6.90-6.85 6 mth: 7.05-7.00
12 mth: 7.50-7.45

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar: Call: 6⅛-5⅝	6¹³⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₁₆	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6¹³⁄₁₆	7¹⁄₁₆-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	7⅜-7⅛
Deutschemark: Call: 3¼-2⅞	3¼-3⅛	3⅜-3¼	3⁷⁄₁₆-3⁵⁄₁₆	3¹¹⁄₁₆-3⁹⁄₁₆
French Franc: Call: 7¼-6⅞	7⁹⁄₁₆-7⁷⁄₁₆	7¹⁵⁄₁₆-7¹³⁄₁₆	8⅛-8⅞	8⅜-8⅞
Swiss Franc: Call: 1½-⅞	2⅛-2	2-1⅞	2⅛-2	2⁵⁄₁₆-2³⁄₁₆
Yen: Call: 3¼-2⅞	3⁹⁄₁₆-3⁷⁄₁₆	4-3⅞	4⁷⁄₁₆-4⁵⁄₁₆	4⁵⁄₁₆-4³⁄₁₆

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: March 31, 1988. Agreed rates April 26, 1988 to May 24, 1988. Scheme I: 10.38 per cent. Schemes II & III: 10.17 per cent. Reference rate March 1, 1988 to March 31, 1988. Scheme IV: 8.931 per cent.

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $449.50-450.00 Close: $449.75-450.25
High: $450.00-450.50 Low: $448.00-448.50

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)
Britannia: $463.25-468.25 (£251.00-254.00)
Krugerrand: $448.50-451.50 (£243.00-245.00)
Mapleleaf (1/1oz): $463.25-468.25 (£251.00-254.00)
American Eagles: $463.25-468.25 (£251.00-254.00)
New Sovereigns: $106.00-107.00 (£57.50-58.25)
Old Sovereigns: $106.00-107.50 (£57.50-58.50)
Platinum: $530.00 (£287.10)
Palladium: $122.00 (£66.10)
Silver: $6.40-6.42 (£3.470-3.485)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 31583		
Jun 88	91.56	91.60	91.51	91.52	4650
Sep 88	91.20	91.21	91.14	91.14	583
Dec 88	90.94	90.95	90.89	90.89	171
Mar 89	90.73	90.73	90.69	90.70	56
Jun 89	90.50	90.55	90.50	90.51	17
Sep 89	90.31	90.31	90.31	90.28	5
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 28422		
Jun 88	92.67	92.70	92.60	92.65	5320
Sep 88	92.41	92.43	92.34	92.38	436
Dec 88	92.17	92.17	92.12	92.13	180
Mar 89	91.91	91.92	91.91	91.90	32
Jun 89	91.71	91.71	91.71	91.69	2
Sep 89	91.54	91.54	91.54	91.51	2

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 8650		
Jun 88	90-28	90-29	90-05	90-14	10134
Sep 88	NT	—	—	89-14	0
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 26742		
Jun 88	122-21	122-28	122-17	122-20	13233
Sep 88	NT	—			
Dec 88	NT	—	—	96-04	0
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 8193		
Jun 88	183.50	183.80	181.50	181.80	1250
Sep 88	NT	—	—	183.30	0
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 411		
Jun 88	108.50	108.50	108.26	108.36	561
Sep 88	NT	—	—	107.83	0

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

Crude prices eased off Tuesday's late US highs, the emphasis of the thin trade still on June Brent paper. Interest in early bbls remained soft, wet sellers look to May for increased refinery demand following April's turnarounds. Products traded thinly in a non eventful day.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	16.55	+10
15 day Apr	16.55	+10
15 day May	16.65	+10
WTI May	18.05	+5
WTI Jun	17.90	+5

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	+1	179-181	+1
Gasoil EEC		153-154	
Non 1H Apr	+1	150-151	+1
Non 2H May	+1	145-146	+1
3.5 Fuel Oil	-2	84-86	-1
Naphtha	-1	153-154	-1

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Apr 88 Hi 1545-1532 Low Close 1533.0
Jul 88 Hi 1450-1425 Low Close 1443.0
Oct 88 Hi 1483-1480 Low Close 1483.0
Jan 89 Hi 1480-1480 Low Close 1475.0
Vol 805 lots Open interest 2645
Dry cargo index 1544.0 -16.5 on 12/4/88

GAS OIL G W Joynson
May 145.50-45.25
Jun 142.75-42.50
Jul 142.00-41.75
Aug 144.00-43.50
Sep 146.00-45.00
Oct 146.50-45.00
Nov 147.00-45.00
Dec 148.00-45.00
Jan 148.00-45.00
Vol 4085

HVY FUEL OIL Reuter
Apr unq.
May
Vol 0

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
May	106.0	100.0
Nov	87.5	87.0
Feb	95.5	96.8
Apr	128.0	128.0

Vol 678

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson
May 893-892 Mar 973-971
Jul 905-904 May 990-988
Sep 925-923 Jul 1007-1005
Dec 949-948 Vol 2747

COFFEE G W Joynson
May 1120-1119 Jan 1203-1198
Jul 1141-1140 Mar 1225-1223
Sep 1162-1161 May 1242-1241
Nov 1183-1182 Vol 3716

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 3548
May 196.8-96.4 Dec 195.8-94.6
Aug 196.6-96.4 Mar 197.6-96.8
Oct 196.8-96.6 May 198.2-97.6

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 199
My 102.65 Jl 104.95 Sp 101.50
Nv 103.05 Ja 105.60 Mr 107.55
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 15
My 103.20 Sp 98.35 Nv 100.95
Ja 102.95 Mr 104.90 My 106.80

SOYABEAN
Apr 137.0-35.0 Dec 136.5-35.0
Jun 132.3-31.5 Feb 138.0-37.5
Aug 131.4-30.5 Apr 140.0-38.0
Oct 133.0-32.0 unq. Vol 106

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1241.0-1244.0	1165.0-1167.0	207600	Steadier
Copper Stand	1190.0-1210.0	1100.0-1110.0	Nil	Quiet
Lead	357.00-357.50	342.00-342.50	27975	Steadier
Zinc Hi Gde	580.00-581.00	569.00-569.50	41275	Firmer
Silver Large†	634.00-637.00	645.00-648.00	Nil	Quiet
Silver Small†	634.00-637.00	645.00-648.00	Nil	Quiet
Aluminium	1385.0-1390.0	1183.0-1185.0	269450	Irregular
Aluminium Hi*	2570.0-2590.0	2195.0-2205.0	10475	Quiet
Nickel*	16600-16900	14400-14500	4290	Firmer

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)

Live Pig Contract		
Mth	Open	Close
Apr	88.5	88.4
Jun	88.5	88.4
Aug	88.0	88.0
Oct	91.0	91.0
Live Cattle Contract		
Apr	113.0	113.0
Jun	unq.	unq.
Aug	114.5	114.5

Vol Pig-0 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on April 13

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	68.87	205.07	109.00
GB (+/-)	-1.18	-12.38	-1.69
Eng/Wal (%)	+1.6	-27.4	+6.2
Eng/Wal (p)	68.87	205.37	108.66
Eng/Wal (+/-)	-1.18	-11.41	-1.83
Scotland (%)	n/a	-3.4	-5.5
Scotland (p)	n/a	203.02	110.87
Scotland (+/-)	n/a	-20.58	-0.24

* Estimated dead carcase weight

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Gains trimmed

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 11. Dealings end April 22. §Contango day April 25. Settlement day May 3.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. *(VOLUMES: PAGE 27).*

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Gaskell Broadloom	Textiles	
2	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Discount	
3	Booker	Foods	
4	Burton (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
5	Peek	Electricals	
6	Land Sec (aa)	Property	
7	Racal Elect (aa)	Electricals	
8	Admiral Comp	Electricals	
9	Hillsdown (aa)	Foods	
10	Sears (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
11	Logica	Electricals	
12	Bowthorpe	Electricals	
13	Warner	Property	
14	Banro	Industrials A-D	
15	Leisure Inv	Leisure	
16	Renishaw	Industrials L-R	
17	Black (Peter)	Industrials A-D	
18	Honda Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
19	Peachey	Property	
20	Smurfit (Jeff)	Paper,Print,Adv	
21	Laing (J)	Building,Roads	
22	Braithwaite Grp	Industrials A-D	
23	Prestwich Hldgs	Industrials L-R	
24	Morgan Crucible	Industrials L-R	
25	Cosalt	Industrials A-D	
26	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
27	BOC (aa)	Industrials A-D	
28	Tace	Industrials S-Z	
29	Markheath	Property	
30	*Hanover Druce*	*Property*	
31	Chrysalis	Leisure	
32	High-Point	Industrials E-K	
33	*Greycoat*	*Property*	
34	Boots (aa)	Industrials A-D	
35	FR Group	Motors,Aircraft	
36	Bryant	Building,Roads	
37	Castle Comm	Leisure	
38	Grainger	Property	
39	Cauldon	Industrials A-D	
40	Owners Abroad	Leisure	
41	Barratt Devs	Building,Roads	
42	Jaguar (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
43	Leeds	Textiles	
44	Ayrshire Metal	Industrials A-D	
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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1987/88 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
100⅝	99⅞	Treas C	9¾%	1988	100⅛	..	9.72	8.090
99⅝	98⅝	Treas	3%	1978-88	99⅝	● ..	3.01	6.930
100⅞	96⅝	Treas	9½%	1988	100⅝	● ..	9.43	8.210
102⅞	96⅜	Treas	11½%	1989	102⅛	..	11.2	8.438
102⅜	100⅛	Treas	10½%	1989	102	..	10.2	8.570
101⅜	100⅝	Exch	10%	1989	101⅜	..	9.83	8.584
104⅜	96⅞	Exch	10½%	1989	104⅜	● ..	9.85	7.517
103⅝	96⅞	Exch	11%	1989	103⅜	..	10.6	8.546
97	93⅝	Treas	5%	1986-89	97	●+⅛	5.1	7.122
101	95⅝	Treas C	9¼%	1989	101	● ..	9.40	8.478
97	94⅝	Treas	3%	1989	97	●+⅛	3.0	5.889
102⅜	98⅝	Treas	8%	1990	101⅝	..	..	..
107⅞	105⅛	Treas	13%	1990	107⅜	..	12.1	8.505
104⅛	97⅝	Exch	11%	1990	105⅝	—	10.5	8.581
107⅛	99⅜	Exch	12½%	1990	106⅝	..	11.7	8.618
93⅝	91⅝	Treas	3%	1990	93⅝	..	3.2	6.309
99⅝	98⅝	Treas	8¼%	1987-90	99⅝	..	8.3	8.718
103⅞	97⅛	Treas	10%	1990	103	● ..	9.7	8.638
91⅜	88⅝	Exch	2½%	1990	91⅜	..	2.7	6.124
105⅝	101⅜	Treas C	10%	1991	105	..	9.5	8.231
107⅜	105⅝	Treas	11¾%	1991	107⅝	..	10.9	8.659
95⅝	90⅝	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	95⅜	● ..	6.03	7.582
107⅜	100⅝	Exch	11%	1991	107	●-⅛	10.2	8.695
90⅜	87⅝	Treas	3%	1991	90⅝	..	3.3	6.549
98⅜	95	Treas	8%	1991	98	-⅛	8.1	8.647
113⅜	109⅝	Treas	12¾%	1992	112⅝	..	11.3	8.722
104⅜	96⅝	Treas	10%	1992	104⅜	..	9.60	8.704
105⅞	102⅞	Treas C	10¼%	1992	105⅜	..	9.9	8.759
86⅝	83⅝	Treas	3%	1992	86⅝	..	3.48	6.888
98⅜	92⅝	Treas	8%	1992	97⅝	● ..	8.1	8.654
112⅜	108⅜	Exch	12¼%	1992	112⅜	..	10.9	8.835
117	107⅛	Exch	13½%	1992	116⅝	..	11.5	8.842

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

1987/88 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
105	98⅝	Treas	10%	1993	104⅝	● ..	9.5	8.821
115⅜	111	Treas	12½%	1993	114⅝	..	10.8	8.989
92⅝	86⅝	Fund	6%	1993	92⅝	..	6.47	7.881
120⅜	116⅜	Treas	13¾%	1993	120⅜	..	11.4	8.989
125⅜	115⅝	Treas	14½%	1994	125	+⅛	11.5	8.929
116⅜	108	Exch	12½%	1994	116⅜	+⅛	10.7	9.107
120⅜	112⅜	Exch	13½%	1994	120⅜	● ..	11.2	9.098
101	95⅜	Treas	9%	1994	100⅜	●+⅛	8.9	8.838
105⅜	100⅜	Treas	10%	1994	105	..	9.52	8.925
114⅜	109	Treas	12%	1995	114⅜	+⅛	10.4	9.112
82⅜	79	Gas	3%	1990-95	80⅜	● ..	3.72	6.467
106⅜	100⅜	Exch	10¼%	1995	106⅜	-⅛	9.6	9.055
119⅜	112⅜	Treas	12¾%	1995	119⅜	● ..	10.8	9.149
125⅜	119⅜	Treas	14%	1996	125⅜	..	11.1	9.306
100⅜	93⅜	Treas	9%	1992-96	100⅜	..	8.9	8.925
133⅜	124⅜	Treas	15¼%	1996	133⅜	● ..	11.4	9.305
123⅜	115⅜	Exch	13¼%	1996	122⅜	● ..	10.8	9.223
86	83⅝	Rdmpt	3%	1986	84⅜	● ..	..	..
105⅜	99	Conv	10%	1996	104⅜	● ..	9.5	9.196
98⅜	96	Treas	9¾%	1997 C	98	..	..	..

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
172	147	Rothschild (J) Hld	168	173	-1	8.2	4.8	9.1
373	320	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	325	330	+1	17.4	5.3	6.4
10	875	Schroders	850	950	● ..	22.6	2.5	10.4
555	424	Stand Chart (aa)	435	440	● ..	48.0	11.0	5.4
116	103	TSB (aa)	104	105	●-½	5.3	5.1	7.0
818	515	Union	565	575	§ ..	29.5	5.2	12.9
355	314	Warburg SG	313	320	-1	14.4	4.5	..
128	117	Do 6% 'A'	118	121	●+1	8.2	6.8	..
31¾	22	Wells Fargo	30⅝	..	●+⅛	..	..	..
453	280	Westpac	435	460	●-5	8.8	2.0	17.6

BREWERIES

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
397	322	Allied-Lyons (aa)	389	392	-3	18.2	4.1	11.8
867	746½	Bass (aa)	845	850	-3	26.8	3.2	12.7
50	42	Belhaven	47	48	..	1.4	2.9	14.1
154	130	Boddington	128	132	● ..	5.4	4.2	14.2
207	180	Buckleys	177	185	+1	4.4	2.4	55.9
183	147	Bulmer (H P)	173	180	..	8.2	4.6	12.8
151	120	Burtonwood Brew	145	153	..	4.0	2.7	24.1
395	332	Clark (Matthew)	373	383	..	13.7	3.6	12.8
337	292	Devenish (JA)	322	330	..	4.1	1.3	28.7
221	175	Greenall Whitley	212	215	-1	8.2	3.8	12.2
494	440	Greene King	445	453	..	9.3	2.1	23.1
323	271	Guinness (aa)	302	305	● ..	12.6	4.1	9.8
697	655	Hardys & Hansons	687	707	..	29.5	4.2	13.0
108	76	Highland Dist	98	100	..	3.5	3.5	15.5
215	167	Invergordon Dist	205	215	●+2	7.9	3.8	12.8
225	185	Irish Dist	207	217	+2	..	..	..
121	110	Marston Thompson	118	120	..	3.6	3.0	15.8
583	453	Morland	480	505	..	10.8	2.2	19.7
358	275	SA Breweries	305	325	+10	..	..	..
294	205	Scot & New (aa)	277	280	-5	11.3	4.1	15.5
542	480	Vaux Grp	532	535	..	19.5	3.6	16.3
318	271	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	303	307	-2	12.6	4.1	12.8
325	295	Do 'B'	315	335	..	12.6	3.9	13.7
328	274	Whitbread Inv	300	308	-3	11.6	3.8	35.3
398	350	Wolverhampton & D	382	388	..	8.0	2.1	18.4
395	345	Young 'A'	395	405	..	12.3	3.1	23.0

BUILDING, ROADS

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
240	143	Abbey	239	245	+10	..	..	..
392	314	Amec	380	383	+3	17.8	4.5	11.4
453	348	Anglia Sec	412	437	+5	2.7	0.6	25.0
55	41	Anglo Utd	48	50	-1	1.4	2.9	90.7
156	90	Arncliffe	120	125	● ..	4.3	3.6	7.4
325	247	Atwoods	283	285	..	8.9	3.1	16.1
332	246	BPB Ind (aa)	287	292	-5	9.6	3.3	12.8
290	240	Baggeridge Brick	275	285	+2	4.5	1.6	19.8
85	53	Bailey (Ben) Constr	69	72	● ..	1.9	2.7	14.7
216	170	Barratt Devs	189	192	●+3	12.6	6.6	12.5
254	181	Bellway	240	243	+3	11.0	4.5	11.7
111	85	Bellwinch	108	113	●+10	2.9	2.6	10.0
384	258	Berkeley Gp	370	378	..	3.8	1.0	21.7
103	83	Beth Bros	95	105	..	4.8	4.8	23.0
400	320	Blockleys	365	415	..	8.9	2.3	21.3
465	403	Blue Circle (aa)	448	452	+5	18.5	4.1	12.1
285	187	Breedon PLC	230	260	f ..	8.7	3.6	26.0
148	108	Br Dredging	124	130	+7	6.9	5.4	21.0
53½	35½	Brown & Jackson	35	36½	..	..	..	92.3
148	126	Bryant	141	144	●+6	4.4	3.1	16.9
16	7½	Burnett & Hallam	9½	10	§-¼	..	..	1.1
123	105	CRH	118	123	●+2	..	..	..
115	108	Calebread Robey	105	115	..	5.2	4.7	13.8
328	258	[illegible]	283	300	..	10.3b	3.5	17.3
132	102	Church Charles	122	127	+2	1.4	1.1	13.8
303	195	Condor Gp	285	300	..	6.2	2.1	33.1
150	112	Copson PLC	130	140	..	2.4	1.8	73.8
336	258	Costain	325	330	..	12.2	3.7	11.9
318	203	Countryside	293	300	-1	2.6	0.9	14.6
225	185	Crest Nicholson	222	227	●+3	7.8	3.5	11.3
95	73	Crosby James	87	92	● ..	2.4	2.7	..
291	220	Douglas (RM)	278	283	-1	4.3b	1.5	22.0

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

CINEMAS, TV

DRAPERY, STORES

ELECTRICALS

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
448	373	Atlantic Comp	370	385	-5	9.6	2.5	9.1
137	77	Audio Fidelity	131	138	+2	0.7	0.5	10.5
283	231	Auto Sec	232	237	● ..	3.0	1.3	14.7
68	35	[illegible]	40	45	..	..	..	..
45	33	Bennett & Fountain	35	37	..	1.0	2.8	18.4
352	301	BICC (aa)	318	323	+2	17.8	5.5	14.7
91	76	BSR	75	79	● ..	3.0	3.8	8.2
165	133	[illegible]	178	185	● ..	5.8	3.2	13.2
121	85	Borland	105	112	+2	..	..	..
194	180	Bowthorpe	165	172	+3	4.5b	2.7	12.8
218	174	Britannia Security	195	200	●-1	2.7	1.4	18.3
260	220	Br Telecom (aa)	247	249	-3	12.1	4.9	11.8
111	82	Brown Boveri Kent	79	84	-5	4.1	5.0	16.7
24	13	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19	19	..	0.1	0.6	30.5
299	191	CAP Group	296	302	+1	2.6	0.9	28.7
86	53	CASE	80	83	..	0.1	0.1	6.9
382	314	Cable Wireless (aa)	336	338	●+2	8.0	2.4	16.9
236	193	Cambridge Elec	227	232	●+5	11.6	5.0	11.6
68	34	Cambridge Inst	43	45	..	1.0	2.3	4.8
65	47	Chloride	51	53	..	2.6	5.0	14.2
237	206	Cray Elect	203	212	..	3.7	1.8	12.6
189	141	Crystalate	153	156	+1	8.0	5.2	7.5
72	50	DDT Group	55	65	-2	1.6	2.7	10.6
105	75	Dale Elec	77	82	●-1	5.1	6.4	16.5
58	38½	Dewhurst	48	53	● ..	1.9	3.7	11.5
56	37½	Do 'A'	44	49	● ..	1.9	4.0	10.6
348	285	Domino	293	303	●+1	3.8	1.3	14.8
64	53	Dowding & Mills	60	63	+1	2.5	4.0	15.2
158	117	Dubilier	140	147	●+3	4.8	3.3	7.9
208	178	Electrocomponents	200	205	●+3	3.3	2.6	15.9
128	97½	Elec Data Process	108	113	● ..	2.9	2.6	9.3
92	65	Electronic Mach	68	73	..	1.2	1.8	82.9
428	387	Emess	410	420	●+1	11.0	2.7	15.4
352	267	Eurotherm	337	345	..	8.2	2.4	12.4
143	112	FKI Babcock	124	126	-1	2.2	1.8	17.0
178	147	Farnell Elect	168	172	+2	4.1	2.4	15.4
93	78	Ferranti (aa)	77	79	..	2.8	3.6	10.9
68	50	Forward Tech	60	65	..	1.4	2.2	10.0
189½	142	GEC (aa)	149	151	●+1	7.7	5.1	9.6
214	192	Harland Simon	202	209	+2	2.6	1.3	..
69	48	Highland Elect	47	50	+2	3.4	6.9	7.3
278	195	Hoskyns Gp	255	265	..	2.9	1.1	23.3
65	45	ITL Gp	47	52	-5	2.7	5.4	..
210	158	Jones Stroud	185	185	● ..	7.2	4.1	11.5
383	328	Kode	378	388	● ..	21.2	5.5	12.5
356	250	Lec Refrigeration	327	337	+2	18.5	5.6	9.2
298	237	Logica	270	280	f +6	2.6	0.9	19.3
286	225	Macro 4	263	270	● ..	4.5	1.7	24.0
225	173	Memec	220	229	●+7	5.7	2.5	14.6
95	68	MKS	72	77	f -1	1.4	1.9	15.6
433	288	Microfilm Repro	390	400	●-3	4.3	1.1	39.0
145	85	Micro Focus	133	143	+1	..	..	..
315	244	Microgen	265	272	● ..	7.5	2.8	16.6
190	120	Midel	153	158	+1	..	..	..
24¼	19¼	Molex	21⅝	22⅝	+⅛	..	..	..
79	43	Multitone Elect	52	57	..	2.1n	3.8	41.4
44	31	Murray Elect	30	33	+1	0.3	0.9	84.2
305	253	Newmark (Louis)	285	300	..	19.8	6.7	14.1
110	92	NEI	90	93	● ..	7.2b	7.8	14.8
122	65	NMW Comp	77	87	●+7	3.4	4.1	15.5
24	17	Oceonics	20	22	§ ..	..	..	4.3
248	215	Oxford Instruments	223	227	+2	3.4	1.5	8.2
232	135	P-E International	188	198	●+1	4.9	2.5	13.2
87	50	Peek	64	68	+4	0.4	0.6	40.6
61	37	[illegible]	48	50	●-½	1.1	2.2	23.6
82½	77½	Philips Fin 5¾%	78	83	..	575	7.1	..
8⅝	7	Philips Lamps N/V	8¼	..	●-⅛	..	..	..
260	240	Pifco	237	247	● ..	9.6	4.0	9.7
189	174	Do 'A' Ltd Votng	176	177	●-2	9.6	5.5	7.0
176	141	Plessey (aa)	152	154	+1	7.9	5.2	9.6
183	117	Pressac	143	148	● ..	2.3	1.6	14.8
121	74	Quest Automation	82	89	-1	1.4	1.6	6.2
246	202	Racal Elect (aa)	223	226	+4	4.9	2.2	19.1
180	120	Ross	127	132	+2	1.6	1.2	13.5
163	105	Scantronic	108	113	+1	2.2b	2.0	24.1
465	430	Scholes (GH)	432	452	●+2	20.6	4.7	14.5
38	25	Sound Diffusion	31	33	..	0.1	0.3	8.3
256	217	STC (aa)	239	242	●-2	9.6	4.0	14.1
63	58	System Designers	60	64	..	0.9	1.5	14.8

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FOODS

HOTELS, CATERERS

INDUSTRIALS A-D

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
278	224	Bodycote	262	270	+2	6.0	2.3	17.8
263	211	Boots (aa)	225	227	+3	11.4	5.0	13.1
280	85	[illegible]	78	85	..	1.2	1.5	22.3
398	351	Bowater	383	387	● ..	17.1	4.4	10.5
21½	15¾	Bowater Inc	17⅞	18⅜	..	..	..	..
263	232	Braithwaite Gp	258	263	+5	..	..	..
238	218	Brammer	235	240	+3	17.1	7.2	13.1
82	46	Brasway	53	55	+3	1.0	1.8	22.0
45	37	Bridgend Gp	40	43	..	0.3	0.7	28.0
165	138	Bridon	155	158	-1	8.2	5.2	21.6
271	173	Bridport-Gundry	218	223	●+1	9.6	4.3	20.7
53	45	Brierley Inv	47	52	● ..	..	..	..
181	143	Br Airways (aa)	167	170	+1	8.2	4.9	..
275	275	Br Bldg & Eng App	250	300	..	2.7	1.0	..
144	108	Br Syphon	118	122	● ..	6.2b	5.2	12.0
461	413	Br Vita	422	425	●-2	12.7	3.0	25.4
325	254	Broken Hill	322	328	+6	..	..	..
132	101	Bromsgrove Inds	116	119	+1	2.5	2.1	21.1
43	32	Brooke Tool	33	35	● ..	2.3	6.8	9.4
178	161	Brown & Tawse	163	168	-2	10.1	6.1	14.1
485	420	Bullough	445	465	..	19.2	4.2	12.5
297	210	Burgess	225	240	..	4.3	1.8	12.4
165	173	CH Ind	152	157	..	4.1	2.6	14.5
193	130	Camford Eng	152	157	..	4.1	2.6	16.0
232	236	Cannon St	282	285	-1	8.2	2.9	12.9
49	36½	[illegible]	36½	38	..	2.3	6.1	63.3
142	130	Cape Ind	136	139	-1	5.5e	4.0	10.8
24	11	[illegible]	20	22	+3	..	..	..
174	150	Carclo Eng	168	175	..	5.4	3.1	17.5
149	132	Castings	143	147	..	5.7	3.9	11.4
57	21	Celestion	37	39	..	1.4	3.8	22.3
11	5½	Central & Sheer	6½	7½	+1	..	..	14.0
75	51	Centreway Ind	57	62	..	1.4	2.3	28.8
130	118	Chamberlain Ph	128	131	+1	6.8	5.2	14.2
155	128	Chamberlin & Hill	143	148	..	6.3	4.3	11.6
338	293	Charter Cons	332	335	-1	18.2	5.4	11.3
631	540	Chemring	600	620	-5	25.5	4.2	9.9
65	50	Christy Hunt	55	60	..	1.2	2.1	50.9
130	100	Clayhithe	105	115	..	2.5	2.3	13.1
280	235	Clayton Son	270	280	..	12.3	4.5	9.2
550	465	Cohen (A)	500	550	..	17.1	3.3	8.7
450	365	Do 'A'	400	450	..	17.1	4.0	7.0
242	165	Coloroll Gp	178	180	+2	8.3	4.6	11.1
290	200	Concentric	209	216	+1	8.9	4.2	12.4
69	60	Conrad Hldgs	63	69	+3	3.4	5.2	19.0
101	88	Cope Stationery	90	95	+2	3.1	3.3	21.8
120	95	Cook (Wm)	100	110	..	6.9	6.6	6.6
582	506	Cookson (aa)	568	572	-4	16.4	2.9	10.5
153	132	Cosalt	149	153	+4	6.2	4.1	13.3
238	180	Courtney Pope	202	217	● ..	8.6	4.1	11.2
62	46	Cowan De Groot	48	51	●+2	2.1	4.2	12.6
222½	97½	Cummins 3¼%	125	135	..	387.	3.0	..
205	160	DPCE	178	188	● ..	3.2	1.7	16.5
116	67	DSC	93	100	-1	0.8	0.6	..
22⅞	17¾	Dana	20⅝	..	+⅛	..	..	..
91	71	Davies & Met 'A'	81	86	●+1	3.3	3.9	8.8
455	390	Davies & Newman	405	435	..	19.2	4.6	10.7
185	149	Davis (Godfrey)	168	173	..	8.4	4.9	16.1
149	125	Davy	128	131	-1	9.3	7.2	7.2
430	362	De La Rue	372	380	+6	17.1	4.5	13.4
307	247	Delta	283	285	..	12.3	4.3	10.2
251	216	Desoutter	233	240	● ..	12.5	5.2	7.9
32	22	Dinkie Heel	22	25	..	0.6	2.5	..
221	178	Diploma	210	215	+2	8.2	3.8	12.7
123	97	Dobson Park	99	101	+2½	7.1	7.1	12.2
88	63	[illegible]	63	73	●-2	0.2	0.3	51.5
128	90	[illegible]	86	96	+1	4.7	5.2	10.4
105	83	Dominion Int	98	99	+2	7.5	7.7	10.7
113	96	Dwek	101	106	-1	4.4	4.2	9.9
139	126	Dyson (J&J)	136	141	●+2	6.2	4.5	17.5
106	94	Do 'A'	94	99	●+2	6.2	6.5	12.1

E-K

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
279	254	EIS	270	278	●+2	10.6	3.9	13.3
318	275	Eastern Prod	302	307	..	13.7	4.5	6.6
220	170	Ecbro	197	207	-3	11.0	5.4	10.8

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S-Z

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
134	65	TSL Gp	131	135	●-1	1.0	0.8	..
290	240	Tace	260	280	●+5	13.7	5.1	10.7
142⅞	123⅞	Takeda Chem	132⅞	..	+¼	..	..	..
34	22	Tatex	24	26	..	..	..	..
170	104	Telfos	135	140	●-2	6.9	5.0	14.8
138	108	Tex Hldgs	127	132	+2	7.2	5.5	18.3
282	277	Third Mile	273	283	..	4.5	1.6	22.1
108	85	Thomson T-Line	98	103	● ..	0.8	0.8	..
258	218	Tomkins	242	245	●+2	4.8	1.9	16.1
346	308	Trafalgar Hse (aa)	327	331	+4	19.9	6.0	12.2
225	190	Transcontinental	185	185	● ..	9.6	5.1	11.4
238	202	Transport Dev	210	215	●+2	11.6	5.4	11.5
40	28	Tranwood	30	32	● ..	0.7	2.3	6.2
93	86	Triefus	88	93	..	2.1	2.3	17.3
192	147	Triplex Lloyd	189	195	+13	5.1	2.7	18.9
173	50	Unigroup	59	64	-1	..	..	12.0
514	456	Unilever (aa)	470	475	●-2	16.6	3.5	11.7
48	27⅞	Unilever (NV)	32⅞	..	-⅛	..	..	..
28	21	Utd Guarantee	22	24	..	..	..	..
558	438	VSEL	495	510	-10	12.3	2.4	11.8
29	16½	Verson	16	18	..	0.4	2.4	..
177	148	Vickers	162	165	●+2	9.2	5.6	10.3
163	140	Vinten	147	157	●+2	4.8	3.2	14.2
86	67½	Volkswagen	80⅛	..	-½	..	..	..
205	158	Wade Potteries	183	198	+1	6.0	3.1	13.4
320	269	Wagon Ind	293	300	-1	14.4	4.8	12.0
121	91	Walker, Greenbank	116	120	-1	2.1	1.8	22.8
180	153	Warner Howard	143	163	..	3.6	2.4	20.0
76	61	Waterford Glass	71	74	● ..	..	..	9.5
233	175	Weir	217	222	● ..	6.2	2.8	12.4
483	363	Wellcome (aa)	476	479	+5	3.9	0.8	43.5
43	36	Wellman	37	38	+½	..	..	6.4
44	25	Westmex	42	..	§+1	..	..	..
328	295	Whatman Reeve	310	320	..	4.5	1.4	16.3
105	86	Whessoe	100	105	+2	1.4	1.4	9.1
295	267	Whitecroft	273	283	+3	14.3	5.1	12.1
172	124	Wilkes (James)	150	157	● ..	9.7	6.3	11.0
315	217	Williams Hldgs (aa)	307	310	●-1	9.6	3.1	15.1
143	127	Wills Gp	125	130	●+1	5.5	4.3	19.1
280	229	Wolseley	272	280	-2	10.0	3.6	11.3
165	99	Wood (A)	160	170	● ..	4.8	2.9	16.4
127	85	Wood (SW)	93	98	..	..	..	53.3
222	158	Worcester	178	188	● ..	2.8	1.5	20.1
185	160	Wyndham Eng	175	185	+12	3.0	1.7	18.8
275	224	Yale & Valor	245	252	+2	10.0b	4.0	..
137	110	Young (H)	122	127	●+2	5.5	4.4	10.5

INSURANCE

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
275	227	Abbey Life (aa)	267	270	-1	14.0	5.2	..
13⅞	9½	Alex & Alex	12⅛	12⅝	●-⅛	.. b	..	..
469½	350	Allianz Vers	144¼	..	-2¼	.. f	..	..
19⅞	16⅝	Am Gen	173	..	..	.. f	..	..
245	208	Bradstock	207	215	..	6.9	3.3	11.9
10⅞	943	Britannic	10⅛	10⅝	● ..	57.5	5.6	..
358	297½	Com Union (aa)	338	342	●+5	21.9	6.4	12.9
225	163	FAI	186	196	+11	..	..	..
939	798	Gen Accident (aa)	930	937	..	48.0	5.1	23.5
959	825	GRE (aa)	900	907	●-3	56.2	6.2	36.2
426	362	Heath C E	367	372	+2	34.5	9.3	10.2
130	115	[illegible]	110	120	● ..	..	..	..
159	134	Hogg Rob & GM	138	144	+2	5.5	3.9	..
298	250	Legal & Gen (aa)	270	273	●-2	15.8	5.8	34.8
162	145	Lloyd Thompson	157	167	●+2	2.3	1.4	..
307	237	London & Man	268	275	● ..	11.9	4.4	38.6
210	183	Lon Utd Inv	200	207	..	11.5	5.6	10.1
30	25	Marsh & McLen	27⅞	28⅛	+⅛	..	..	..
490	447	Minet	470	480	..	14.5	3.1	17.6
230	163	PWS	170	180	● ..	14.4	8.2	7.3
479	410	Pearl (aa)	435	440	-9	16.4	3.7	31.3
884	799	Prudential (aa)	805	812	●+2	46.6	5.8	53.4
489	434½	Refuge	430	440	● ..	24.7	5.7	23.2
438	372	Royal (aa)	420	428	● ..	26.4	6.2	34.8
237	199	Sedgwick (aa)	213	217	●+4	16.4	7.6	14.0
192	150	Steel Burrill	153	192	● ..	13.7	8.7	9.8
433	254	Sturge Hldgs	325	335	§ ..	9.3	2.8	21.0
958	788	Sun Alliance (aa)	926	935	+3	42.5	4.6	83.9

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OILS, GAS

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
16	9	Jackson	9	10	f ..	..	..	..
26	18	KCA Drilling	20	22	-1	..	..	5.7
349	271	LASMO (aa)	347	350	+6	18.6n	3.0	66.1
177	140	Do Units	160	175	● ..	41.7	24.8	..
28	13	[illegible]	22	24	..	..	..	..
20	17	New London Oil	18	20	..	..	..	..
49	27	Oil Search	41	44	+1	..	..	..
64	47	Petrocon	43	50	-1	2.5	5.3	7.4
1⅝	1	Petroz	1⅛	1⅛	..	..	..	..
71	50½	Premier	61	63	-½	..	..	32.8
333	221	Ranger	330	335	+15	..	..	..
69⅝	39⅝	Royal Dutch	65⅝	..	-⅛	..	..	..
11	989	Shell (aa)	10⅛	11	● ..	65.8	6.0	11.5
329	243	Silkolene	315	325	●+2	12.3	3.8	10.1
118	91	Sovereign	103	107	+1	..	..	27.6
17	12	TR Energy	12½	14½	..	..	..	18.2
15	6	Target	4	7	..	..	..	..
166	118	Triton Europe	155	159	..	..	..	..
282	173	Ultramar (aa)	253	257	●+3	8.9	3.5	16.1
70	44	Woodside	66	70	+2	..	..	..

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
53	33	Boustead	50	52	+1	0.7	1.4	23.3
147	138	[illegible]	135	140	..	9.7	7.0	20.4
100	83	Finlay (James)	82	86	+1	5.7	6.8	..
594	548	Harrison Crosfield	573	590	+5	32.9	5.7	20.8
727	620	Inchcape (aa)	693	708	+3	30.6	4.4	16.7
272½	226	Lonrho (aa)	249	251	●+1	17.8	7.1	10.0
71	47	Ocean Wilson	57	62	..	3.4	5.7	9.3
332	310	Paterson Zoch	310	330	● ..	9.9	3.1	9.8
332	310	Do 'A'	310	320	● ..	9.9	3.1	9.8
301	230	Polly Peck	293	298	●+5	10.8	3.6	7.0
65	52	Sime Darby	58	65	● ..	..	..	..
108	71	Tozer Kemsley	106	109	●+7	2.9	2.7	8.9

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1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
245	202	Abbott Mead	227	232	● ..	6.2	2.7	19.6
103	80	Addison Cons	96	99	..	3.6	3.7	10.8
271	248	Assoc Paper	245	250	-2	11.0	4.4	11.0
355	270	BPP	330	380	● ..	9.0	2.5	21.2
126	108	Barker (Charles)	122	127	..	4.5	3.6	20.8
215	180	Bemrose	204	208	● ..	13.7b	6.7	10.1
302	241	Boase Massimi	259	265	..	10.7b	4.1	14.3
250	205	Brunning	217	227	-3	5.1	2.3	55.6
189	138	Bunzl (aa)	145	148	+5	6.9	4.7	11.2
773	653	Carlton Comm	745	755	..	7.3	1.0	27.1
313	285	Chapman	285	310	..	13.0	4.4	13.4
225	173	Cropper (James)	205	220	..	2.4	1.1	10.8
407	357	DRG	365	368	●+2	14.7	4.0	10.7
125	96	Davidson Pearce	105	110	●+2	4.5	4.2	9.3
80	65	Delyn Packaging	65	70	..	1.4	2.1	..
306	273	Ferguson Ind	273	275	+1	12.7	4.6	12.1
253	201	FKB	225	235	f +2	7.3	3.2	21.2
395	315	Fitch Design	390	400	+2	10.0	2.5	18.7
48	33	Geers Gross	40	45	-3	.. e	..	11.7
269	224	Gold Greenless	250	257	..	5.9	2.3	15.5
402	335	Hunterprint	375	385	● ..	9.7	2.6	16.6
298	255	KLP	280	290	+2	6.9	2.4	15.2
88	67	Kenson	67	69	..	.. e	..	..
190	158	Lopex	178	183	● ..	6.9	3.8	1.3
407	328	Lowe HS & B	395	405	● ..	13.7	3.4	13.2
190	177	MIL Research	173	183	..	4.1	2.3	17.4
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15⅞	12⅛	Ogilvy & Mather	101½	..	+⅛	.. f	..	..
160	128	Olives Paper	133	138	..	.. e	..	..
108	83	Paragon Comms	105	110	●+3	2.5	2.3	12.1
235	188	St Ives Gp	193	203	-2	5.3	2.7	8.9
455	397	Saatchi 10p (aa)	404	410	●-2	19.9	4.9	8.9
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510	412	Tomkinsons	492	502	+2	9.6	2.0	13.3
127	93	Tootal	102	104	f -1	6.2	6.0	9.1
50	34	West Trust	34	41	..	3.4e	8.9	12.8
240	195	Yorklyde	207	217	..	10.3	4.9	8.7

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1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
480	409	BAT (aa)	433	437	●-5	23.2	5.3	8.2
138	126	Carroll	135	140	..	..	..	..
435	365	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	405	410	-1	11.2	2.7	11.3

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Michael Ingram, marketing consultant, stresses the expertise that is the hallmark of his profession in today's world

Sales promotion now needs all skills, from writing to technology

Who would have been bold enough to predict 20 years ago that a then fledgeling industry would, in 1987, account for about £5 billion of expenditure? Today that industry, or profession as many would like to have it, is known as sales promotion. It has its Institute of Sales Promotion, with an expanding membership and its own register of about 75 agencies that have grown up and expanded dramatically, particularly during the past decade.

Twenty years ago the industry had little or no clear image. Some unkind observers would say that what image it had was that of provider of the apocryphal "free plastic daffodil with a packet of soap powder". But those were probably very successful promotions.

The early exponents of sales promotion worked either in units set up by leading "above-the-line" agencies — my own career began at the then merchandising unit of J. Walter Thompson — or in small entrepreneurial partnerships.

Recruitment tended to be haphazard and, within the larger agencies, sometimes included executive and creative staff who were not deemed to be "quite right" for the main, and far more important, job of providing above-the-line services.

All of that has now changed. With the emerging clarification of what is above and what is below the line, an area of constant and often uninspired debate over the years, and more particularly, with talented clients entrusting more and more of what they understood to be below the line to specialist sales promotion agencies, the opportunity for a young person to plan a real career in the discipline has finally become a reality — a career that fulfils the promise, in the right agency setting, of an exciting and varied work remit, that on the executive side puts the nimblest of academically trained minds to the test.

What kind of projects will the young sales promoter be involved in day to day? More and more companies utilize sales promotion techniques every year — some without actually realizing it. Many major companies, of course, have their own sales promotion/marketing/management structures, which invite inputs from one or a number of consultant agencies to a written brief and budget.

Clearly, the extremely visible national sales promotions aimed at the consumer, such as a "free glasses" collection scheme by a petrol group, or a heavily promoted contest such as the recent British Airways "Concorde Challenge", have taken months of careful planning by talented client-agency teams.

The more familiar an agency account team is with the client's business the better. For example, my own company has worked for the British Airports Authority for the past five years, promoting duty-free and tax-free shopping. Voucher schemes, scratchcard games, carefully monitored salesgirl operations, extra added-value offers, and a business club for regular travellers are just a few of the many promotional techniques employed.

The remit for a client such as Woolworth, for whom we have acted for two years, involves the execution of a year-long calendar of pre-planned and innovative promotions, which have included event days — St Valentine's Day, Mother's Day — the production of 40 million catalogues, and the launching and administration of the Woolworths Kids Club, which now has more than 300,000 junior members.

But not all sales promotion is quite as visible or well managed. Beneath the important consumer tip of the iceberg, many companies are almost certainly wasting valuable funds on a piecemeal approach to sales force incentive schemes, exhibitions, trade deals and business-to-business literature when, at little or no extra cost, they would be well advised to consult a team of sales promotion experts to achieve a co-ordinated plan and overall look for their programme.

We have a number of clients who spend £25,000 rather than £2 million, and achieve in return more in extra revenue than they spend.

In summary, it's a job that requires everything from presentation skills to copywriting panache, tenacity and the constant ability to work under extreme pressure, as well as management of a creative team and the understanding of production processes, both the traditional and new. Certainly, there are job opportunities. But in a fast-growing sector are the jobs likely to go to the people who can deliver two or three years' relevant experience?

Some agencies have a policy favouring the candidate with experience. Most welcome at least one or two raw recruits a year. My own agency receives a large number of unprompted applications from graduates and we interview as many of these as we possibly can. But for a business that requires tenacity, attention to detail, creativity and at least a sense of how to set up one's stall, the general standard of applicants' pitches is poor.

Undated, Dear Sir/Madam letters, with spelling mistakes and poorly presented c.v.'s abound. Few have done their homework. Few have made the effort to contact the ISP and find out about the agencies they are contacting — or about the ISP Diploma courses. Even fewer make the effort to catch the imagination of a prospective employer by promoting themselves in an innovative and eye-catching way.

And what of the training that awaits a successful candidate? My own agency attempts to provide a carefully monitored "in at the deep end" approach. The new executive works closely with a senior executive team and is expected to pick up knowledge and skills pretty quickly. Within three months both sides know whether it's a "sink" or "swim" situation.

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But, all along, and 20 years on in my case, it's always a question of "Prospective promoter, promote thyself". It will be interesting to see if the emerging generation can confirm sales promotion as a true profession.

Michael Ingram is managing director of the Ingram Company, sales promotion, marketing, communications specialists

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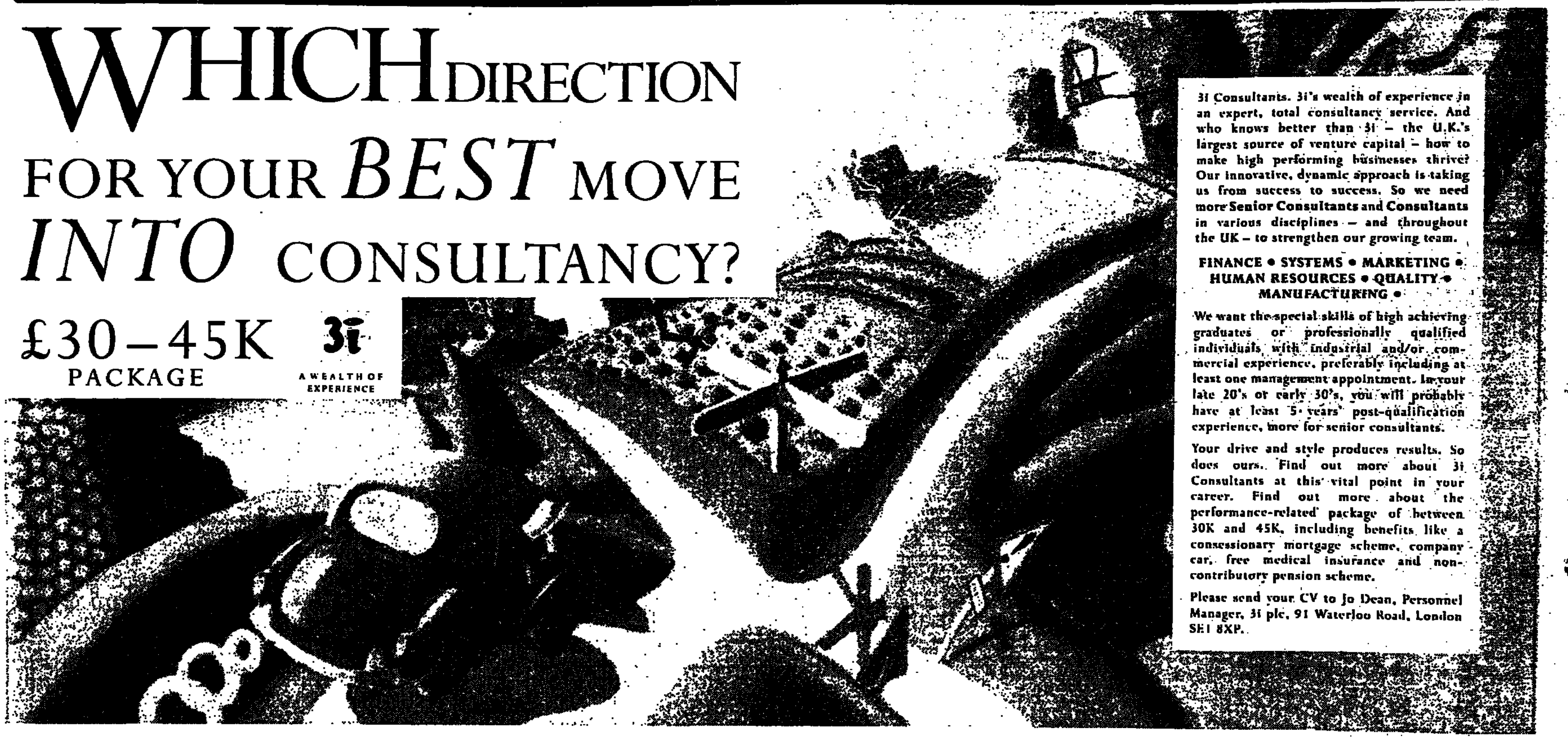

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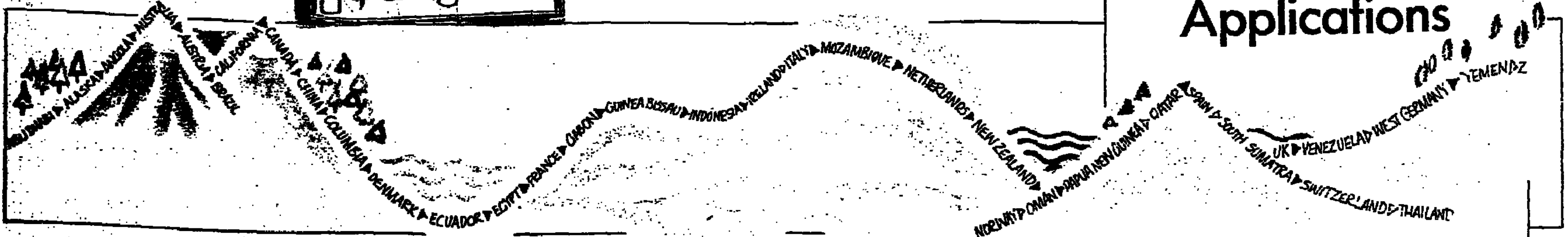
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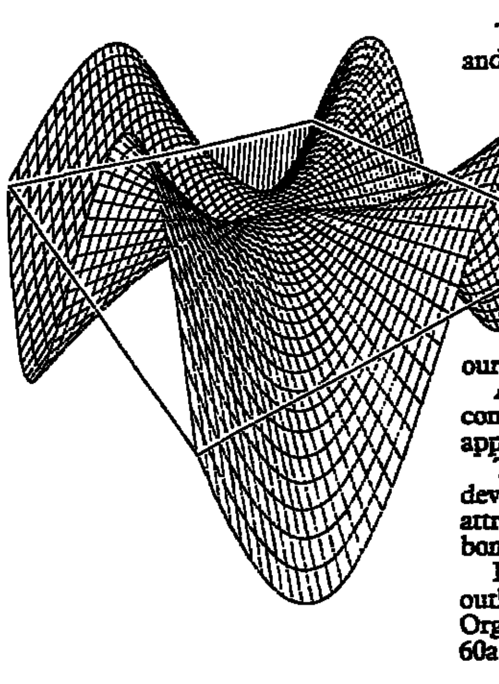

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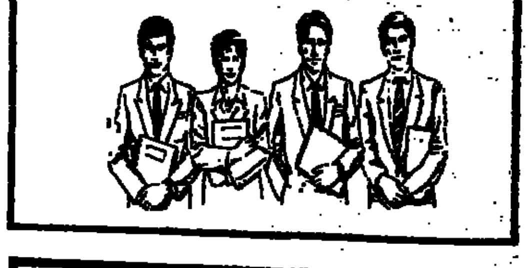

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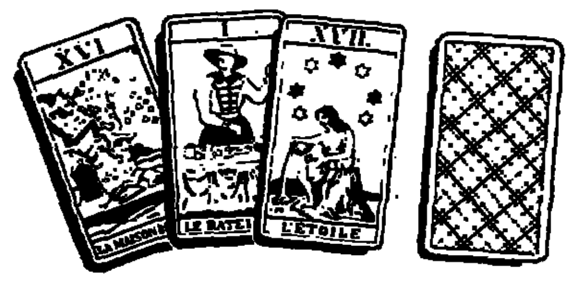

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Caution: Greeks at work

Greece is up-and-coming as a place to work but, says Clare Hogg, it's advisable to discover the hidden pitfalls before taking up a job there

Greece is fast becoming the new boom place to work. There is certainly tremendous potential there. For example, Belgium, with a similar-sized population generates five times the revenue from its computer industry, and many see Greece aiming to equalize itself with the rest of the EEC within five years.

The government has recently taken a number of initiatives to encourage growth and the development of local industry. Last year EEC nationals were allowed to repatriate funds freely, and in December the government announced important tax incentives – for example all profits from exports in 1988 will be exempt. Generous grants, newly available, are adding to the general buoyancy of the business climate.

Also important is the development of Athens as a main centre. Its new and effective mayor (nicknamed "Bulldozer") sees the city bidding for the 1996 Olympic Games as a move to force the government to take effective steps to deal with the appalling problems of pollution and traffic congestion.

From January 1 this year, EEC nationals do not need a work permit for Greece, a development which could save up to six months of relocation time. Just as important, it can offer relief for working wives who in the past have not been able to seek jobs.

The burgeoning growth in various sectors of the economy has, however, caused its own problems. There are serious shortages of the kind of people needed to deal with the increased volume and sophistication of business. Eirine Racopoulos, the personnel manager for Rank Xerox in Athens, says aggressive salesmen are in short supply, closely followed by accountants and marketing executives. And Greece is not immune to the world-wide dearth of good quality general managers. Dr Panayotis Kanellopoulos, managing director of a computer agency in Greece, says that the computer market has expanded without the necessary infrastructure for the development of the market. In particular, this manifests itself in an unsophisticated approach to after-sales service, as well as a heavy burden of bureaucratic regulations. The experience is typical of other industries.

The heavy bureaucracy is often cited as an impediment to business.

Despite the recent efforts of the government, many of the old problems remain. The heavy bureaucracy is unanimously cited as an impediment to business. I was forced to interview one businessman in the bustle of an Athens police station while he waited to have his signature authenticated on a routine document. The process required that he present himself in person. After half-an-hour, during which we were studiously ignored by all, we left, mission unaccomplished.

Lorraine Batler, director of Executive Services which provides office facilities for foreign businessmen, has seen men wilt against "unforeseen forces." She says: "The telephone lines are always busy, crossed, don't ring, or are answered only in Greek. The customer is always wrong. The paranoia of secrecy seems impenetrable when seeking information.

Time is out of control – noon is not 12.00, it is 2.00pm, the afternoon begins at 5.00pm, rush-hour is four times a day. Christmas and Easter become mini-sabbaticals. Facial expressions take the place of conversation".

Tax inspectors require scrupulously kept records, and an endless process of registration must take place before invoices can be sent off. Employers in certain sized companies may find disabled persons presenting themselves to start work, with no notice and without having had any part in their selection.

The general advice is to do as much homework as possible *before* setting up a business in Greece (the British embassy will be helpful) and, before arrival, to find a well-recommended legal adviser.

On a preliminary trip to Athens, the businessman now has access to a host of agencies who can help with information. Embassies and consulates, United Nations agencies, foreign banking institutions, business associations and chambers of commerce will all be helpful.

Many professional management organizations have their branch offices in Athens. Greek investment and promotion agencies, who understand the market, are also a good source of support. *The Athenian*, an English language magazine (as well as some of the chambers of commerce) publish useful names, addresses and phone numbers.

A good lawyer can, unfortunately, do nothing to protect the entrepreneurial businessman from another hazard: contacts within the government are essential for trouble-free trade, but months of careful cultivation can come to nothing overnight. One director who had spent most of the summer and autumn in difficult but finally successful negotiations with Mr Simitis, the then Finance Minister, was horrified to hear of the minister's sudden resignation when his agreed budget was cast aside without warning by the prime minister during a debate in Parliament.

Frequent cabinet reshuffles, together with the unpredictability of local politics, result in a consistent foothold in government circles being almost impossible to achieve for a foreigner. For many, the only way is to short-circuit the official system, thus further inflating an already flourishing black economy.

Flexibility is a vital quality for the businessman in Greece. Greek is a complicated language that can take from a year to 10 years to learn. There is first the problem of a different alphabet, then an intricate grammar, difficult pronunciation and dialects, but it is worth learning. It takes a while to get to know the ropes, and for this reason sensible employers avoid short two-year tours.

However, there are many good points. Greeks have a high standard of living and the clothes shops in Kifissia, the smog-free Athens suburb where many expatriates live, could out-do Hampstead. Another example: John and Petra Grimes found a beautiful house to rent but it needed total renovation. The landlady arranged for the completion of the works in two months, to their amazement because "a similar job in Brussels would take double the time."

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Landlords differ enormously, but some investigation is essential before undertaking a commitment to a property, and the basis of a rental agreement should be firmly established. Because of the high level of taxation in Greece, it is not uncommon to find the final agreement incorporating well below that actually payable, with the balance of the agreed figure falling under the non-taxable heading of "maintenance costs".

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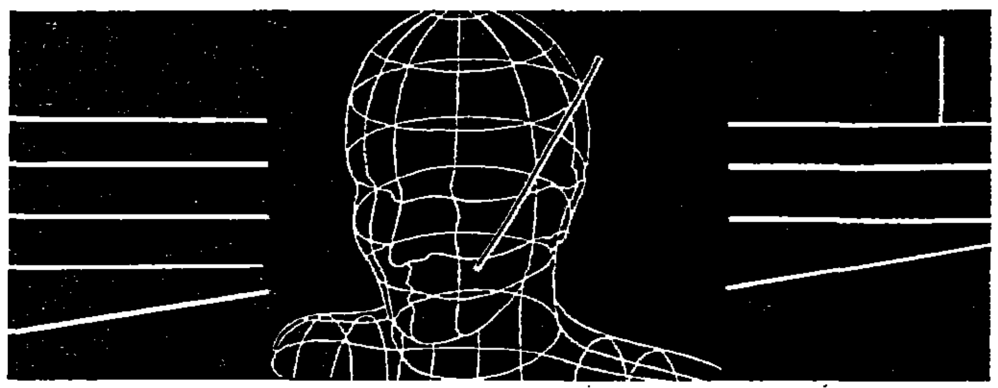

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SPORTS LETTERS

An alternative sense of fun

From Mr Mike Williams

Sir, I trust your rugby writer had "fun" — as he calls it — reporting the England 16 group international win over Italy (April 4).

Regrettably he brought to the match an attitude to rugby more appropriate to the pre-war Obolensky era and the pages of the now defunct *Boy's Own Paper*. Regrettably, too, his comments epitomized the debilitating conflict at the heart of England's rugby dilemma.

We know that rugby can be played purely for physical enjoyment and "fun" as well as for deeper satisfaction. Now that the Courage league system is in full swing, all rugby players have a recognizable choice as to whether they wish to play purely for transient fun or in the pursuit of excellence which results in deeper and longer lasting satisfaction.

One of the players "taking the game so seriously" last Saturday informed me afterwards that he had played in 27 matches to win his England "cap" — and there was no doubting the pleasure he took in winning this symbol of achievement and in the manner of victory his team produced on the field.

The England team trained and practised together for four days prior to the international with a seriousness and a concentration of which I and my fellow coach, John Davies, were both proud. On the field they played with exciting commitment, intelligent decision-making and no little *élan* and flair. Quite how your correspondent gained the impression that no "fun" was had is a mystery; in the changing-room afterwards there was very considerable visible evidence, writ large on everyone's face.

Reports which suggest that players with smiles on their faces having the kind of "fun" more appropriate to a challenge match on Camber Sands could be dismissed as self-indulgent journalism, were it not for the fact that there are still too many people — some too close to seats of power — who fail to understand the reasons for players playing rugby seriously.

We were not overjoyed by the attitude your correspondent brought to the match, although when the England players meet together at Uxbridge before the international against France, they might enjoy great "fun" with the sentiments expressed on their behalf.

Yours faithfully
MIKE WILLIAMS,
Coach to England 16 Group,
The White House,
Green Lane,
Underriver,
Sevenoaks, Kent.

Separate boards

From Mr J. I. Brennan

Sir, Can Syd Millar (the former Irish and British Lions prop) be serious when he pretends that rugby football is open to all ethnic groups in South Africa? Having been there, both as player and administrator, he must know what the arrangements are: there are quite separate boards for whites and others. The appearance of a non-white player in a white team is rare and, when it happens, probably cosmetic.

His nonsense is on a par with the fatuous assertion that you cannot mix sport and politics.

How can you not? A fair definition of "politics" is, I suppose, how a government orders a nation's society. The South African Government's policy is that different ethnic groups do not, so far as possible, mix. Since this, inevitably, has an effect on sport, then to say that politics doesn't come into the question is ridiculous.

If, in Ireland, there were separate boards to administer Protestant rugby and Catholic rugby, would Syd Millar approve? It would be just as ludicrous as the South African system and is, as the South African system should be, unthinkable.

Yours faithfully,
J. I. BRENNAN,
Balaka,
6 Townsend Cottages,
Horton-Devizes, Wiltshire.

Genuine rugby

From Mr J. E. Maxwell-Hyslop

Sir, Would it be presumptuous for a very old stager to comment on the letter from Mr D. S. Cooke (April 9) in which he drew so depressing a picture of modern rugby? I have no objection to much of what he says, but cannot agree with his conclusion that the only remedy is to abolish most of the forward play and concentrate on multiple threequarter play, as in Rugby League.

The deterioration of genuine rugby stems from the date some 30 or more years ago, when the law, that after a tackle the ball had to be played with the foot, was abolished. Before that as soon as one player (generally a forward) had reached the ball a loose scrum would start building up and within seconds the ball would be in the scrum half's hands without any of the current pile-ups that so often finish in a penalty, nor any of the equally tedious, almost military, fall-in of the Rugby League, with both sides marking each other so closely that it often takes six attempts to get the ball properly on the move again.

In those days, too, matches were usually won by tries, not by penalties as they are so often now.

Yours faithfully,
J. E. MAXWELL-HYSLOP,
North Place,
North Road,
Sherborne, Dorset.

Two boat races

From Mr Charles Jewell

Sir, When the Boat Race was a contest between undergraduates, with only an occasional fourth-year student, it had a charm and interest which the present contests, performed largely by seasoned oarsmen of Olympic and international calibre, have lost.

May one suggest to the organizers and sponsors that the annual event would be much improved from all points of view (including profitability) if it were turned into two races: the first would be between crews of "genuine" undergraduates, with an age-limit of, say, 22 and the second, to be rowed half an hour or as soon as practicable after the first, between crews of students not subject to any age-limit.

One spin-off might be that the former crews contained an acceptable proportion of "true Brit." oarsmen.

Yours truly,
CHARLES JEWELL,
The Pond House,
Swelling Hill,
Ropley,
Alresford, Hampshire.

Hanley not first

From Mr R. A. Macdonald

Sir, May I correct the impression (April 8) that Ellery Hanley is the first black player to captain Great Britain, as this distinction fell to the late Clive Sullivan in 1972.

A little research may show that Sullivan was the first black captain of any British international sports team.

Yours faithfully,
R. A. MACDONALD,
13 Oakleigh Gardens, N20.

Injustice for young golfers

From Mr H. N. L. Blenkin

Sir, As is shown by John Hennessy's article on the Halford Hewitt tournament (April 7), young British golfers attending American universities appear to suffer an injustice in the matter of their handicaps. They are not allowed to count their American competition scores for the purposes of their UK handicaps, nor are they allowed to use their American handicap here. As a result they may, when returning for vacations, be obliged to revert to higher previous handicaps at their home clubs, and that in turn will prejudice their chances of being accepted for the more important British amateur events.

This is the position of Edward Richardson, a talented young member of this club who was mentioned by Mr Hennessy. He is a student at the University of Miami and the authorities there have courteously sent us a schedule of his numerous competition scores. Whether by British or American computation they would give him a playing handicap of one, but the English Golf Union has directed that these scores be disregarded. In consequence he goes back to an earlier handicap of three, and may lose his chances of competition at national level in the UK.

This policy of our handicapping authorities seems misconceived and calculated to deter rather than encourage ambitious young players. We suggest that it be speedily reviewed.

Yours faithfully,
H. N. L. BLENKIN,
Captain,
Rye Golf Club,
Camber, Rye, Sussex.

Best time wasted

From Mr Stephen Garvin

Sir, The school population of this country is, or will shortly be, returning for a summer term which will begin with winter barely over and end early in June, summer having barely begun. Thousands of acres of playing fields, including some of the loveliest cricket grounds in the land, will then remain empty and unused during the best time of the year.

When I was at school in the Thirties the summer term ran right up to the end of July. What sense is there in this change, which has many deplorable consequences, such as the catastrophic decline of public school and university cricket, to name but one? Perhaps some latter-day headmaster or other authority would kindly explain this matter.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN GARVIN,
Little Bricklehurst,
Stonegate,
Wadhurst, East Sussex.

Raising interest

From Mr P. T. Johnson

Sir, Your columns have recently been littered with remarks on the declining public interest in Test cricket. It would be too much to expect the administrators to surface with a solution to this, so here is an idea to set the ball rolling. The drawn result must be eliminated; therefore each innings will be restricted to a maximum of 100 overs. In the case of weather interference, the second innings will be yet further reduced, by an appropriate formula. Teams bowling their overs slowly will suffer immediate and crippling penalties in terms of runs or overs.

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Yours faithfully,
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127 North Hill
Plymouth, Devon.

RUGBY UNION

Potential captain defects to League

By Peter Bills

The long-term threat to the prosperity of Rugby Union in Australia has once again been made manifest by the loss of one of the game's top players. The decision of Wallabies Brett Papworth and Matthew Burke earlier this year following the tour of Argentina to turn professional, was a considerable blow. Now Ricky Stuart, at 21 considered one of the finest young players of the amateur code, has left many in Rugby Union disappointed and disillusioned by also going to League.

Stuart was called to Argentina last autumn as a replacement to join the Wallaby squad, coached by Alan Jones. He had made his name as captain of the Australian Schools team in the British Isles in 1985-86 and had only recently joined the Manly Club in Sydney. He was regarded as a certainty to wear the Wallaby jumper in the international series this season against England and New Zealand. His enormous quality was such that many considered him a future Australian captain.

All that changed when the Canberra League Club suddenly moved in for a deal. The financial details involved persuaded Stuart that there was no decision to make.

Stuart is said to be receiving a basic sum of almost $250,000 (about £102,500) over a three-year period. In addition, he will receive $25,000 each year in payment for work at the Canberra club. Further money will accrue from bonuses for wins and even draws. As Canberra are presently in the top three of the Australian League table, he can expect to earn a not inconsiderable amount immediately from his bonuses. The deal in all is probably worth around £140,000 over three years. Big money for a lad of 21 to anticipate.

Papworth picked up a similarly lucrative deal from Eastern Suburbs League Club, although a broken arm has recently put him out of the game. Burke earned slightly less from his father's old club, Manly Warringah.

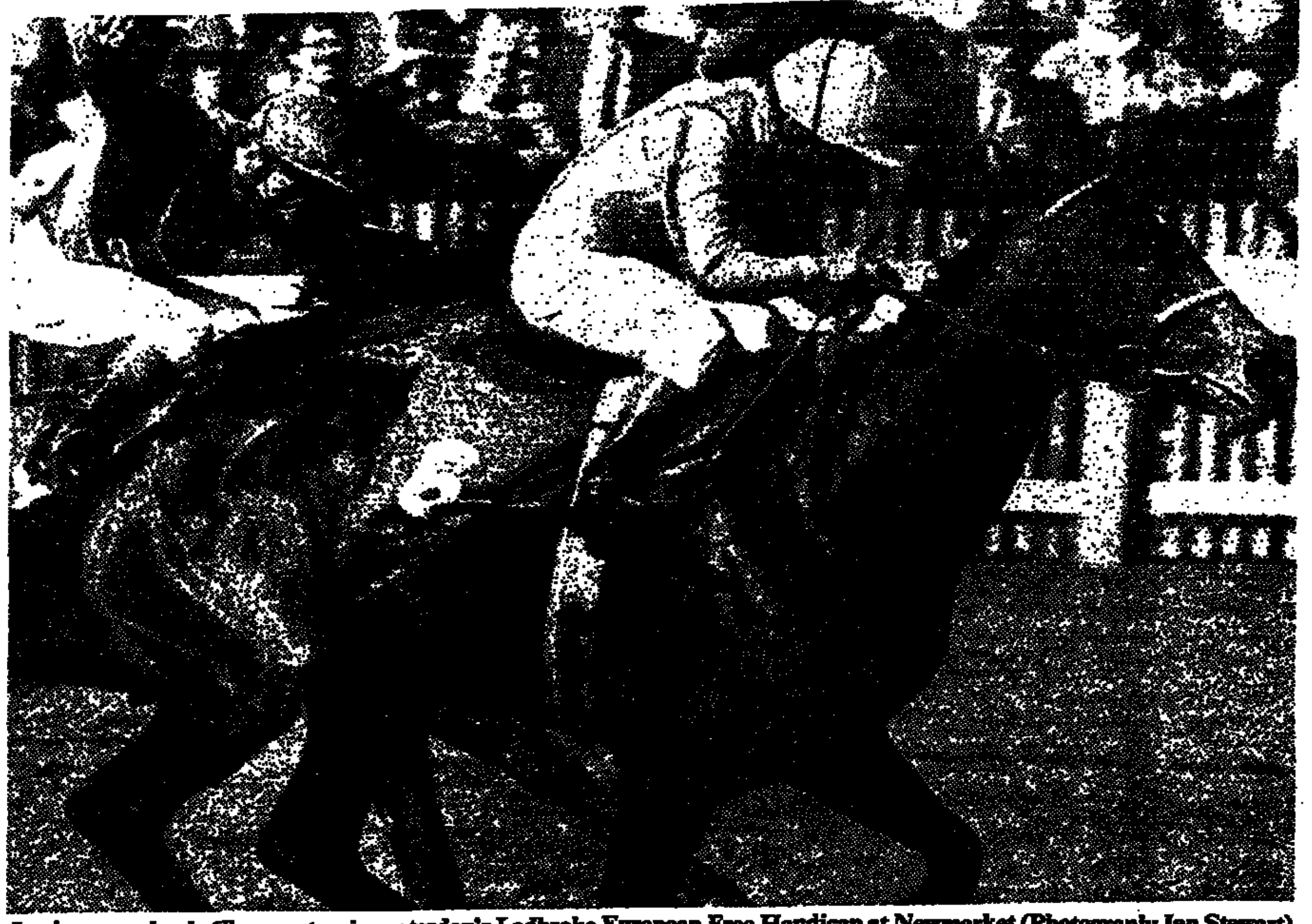
The damage to the union game is immense. The new coach, Bob Dwyer, said: "Replacing players of the quality of Burke and Papworth will be a hard job. Stuart would have figured highly in our plans and it is a colossal blow to have lost him as well."

And the former coach, Jones, said: "Stuart's decision has to be considered a sad loss for the amateur code. He is a young man of extraordinary ability, as have been proven by Canberra's move. He has hardly played any senior club rugby yet was offered such a good deal. The long term portents for Rugby Union in Australia are serious indeed."

BOARDSAILING

Mistral helps Elischka on

Reinhard Elischka, of Austria, recorded a speed of 36.35 knots on a sailboard shortly after racing began at the Johnnie Walker Speed Sailing event at Port St Louis, France, yesterday (Roger Lean-Vercoe writes). The long-awaited mistral arrived yesterday morning and by the afternoon gusts of between 30 and 35 knots were being recorded. Elischka's run, which will be confirmed at the end of racing, is just 2.21 knots slower than the world record



Lapierre overhauls Charmer to win yesterday's Ladbroke European Free Handicap at Newmarket (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Reprimand taken out as Cecil 2,000 team thins

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Reprimand has been withdrawn from the 2,000 Guineas and Carmelite House is a doubtful runner as Henry Cecil attempts to win the first colts' classic for the third time.

"Reprimand is getting better," said the seven-times champion trainer at Newmarket yesterday. "But we've run out of time. We'll have to try and get him ready for races like the Irish 2,000 and the St James's Palace Stakes."

Reprimand twisted a front joint 12 days ago and Carmelite House has a sore back. "Carmelite House is still slightly sore," Cecil continued. "I haven't taken him out of the race yet but he's very unlikely to get there."

At yesterday's acceptance stage 42 horses were withdrawn leaving 48 standing their ground. Cecil also took out Salse and Yachtsman.

"Salse is still on the easy list," said the trainer, whose hopes now rest on Sanquirico, his runner in this afternoon's Craven Stakes.

The general price on offer against Lapierre for the Guineas was 33-1 after Michael Roberts, 11 times champion jockey of South Africa, had brought Clive Brittain's three-year-old storming past virtually the entire field in the last 1½ furlongs to beat Charmer and Heroes Sash in the Ladbroke European Free Handicap. Al Mufti, the 11-4 favourite, tired in the closing stages to finish fifth.

"Lapierre will certainly go for the Guineas if the going is reasonable," said Brittain. "But I've also got Intimidate, who takes on Tibullo at Newbury on Saturday, and Galitzin, who runs against Warning tomorrow."

Last time out Lapierre had been only narrowly defeated by Zelphi at Kempton and his fitness certainly paid a handsome dividend after a race in which the winning time of 1min 27.61sec was the fastest recorded over the distance at the meeting to date.

Charmer had looked all over the winner until Lapierre found his stride and will obviously benefit from his first race of the season. "I don't know about the Guineas yet," said Dick Hern. "I want to think about it and talk to Lady Beaverbrook."

The Wood Ditton Stakes for unraced three-year-olds resulted in the expected victory for John Dunlop's highly-regarded Caerleon colt, Alquoz, but it was only by a short head that the even-money favourite prevailed as Pat Eddery landed the second leg of a double. Lazaz, the less fancied of Michael Stoute's two runners, finished second, two lengths ahead of Pontenuovo.

Dunlop however, was pleased with the winner's performance. "He ran very green at the finish," said the Arundel trainer. "But he quickened up well to go and win his race and that's what I've always liked about him. I'll have to talk to Sheikh Hamdan before we decide on his next race."

As far as the bookmakers were concerned, the most significant pointer towards the Guineas was provided by the fact that Media Starguest, Tibullo's galloping companion, was so impressive when landing a major public gamble in the Earl of Sefton EBF Stakes. Mecca make Tibullo their second favourite at 7-1 for the big race.

After Ray Cochrane had brought Media Starguest home 2½ lengths clear of Bengal Fire, Luca Cumani said: "I ran him three times over a mile and a half last year and it took me some time to realize that it was his wrong distance.

"The Arlington Million in Toronto on August 20 is now his main target. But in the meantime we'll have to find some races for him in which he won't have to take on the cracks."

2,000 GUINEAS NON-ACCEPTORS: Academic, Barut, Black Sabbath, Chant De Depart, Cruise Ship, Dead Net, Dramatis, Fijar Tango, Foreign Survivor, Gentleman's Jig, Germas, Haiati, Harp Islet, Head Of The Abbey, Indian Ridge, In Extremis, Israr, Kahyasi, Kajar, Lake Como, Libra's Comet, Magsood, Margub, Medals Galore, Minster Son, Nabeel Dancer, Nikitas, Petrullo, Rahy, Reprimand, Salse, Savoureux, Secret Claim, See Now, Squill, Sunguil, Tolo, Totem, Trteamtri, Unfuwain, Yachtsman, Nabis.

Double blow for Naylor-Leyland

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

David Naylor-Leyland's hopes of winning the mens' riding championship suffered a severe double blow at the Heythrop point-to-point on Tuesday.

After a comfortable win on 4-1 on chance, Curaheen Boy, in the last of the Audi qualifiers, he went straight into the changing compartment of the large marquee instead of the adjacent weighing room and was disqualified for failing to weigh in.

Worse was to come in the next race, however, when Young Lover fell at the fifth and Naylor-Leyland sustained both a disclocated shoulder and collar-bone.

John Deutsch and Paddy's Peril repeated their 1986 win in the Lord Ashton of Hyde's Challenge Cup over four miles.

HEYTHROP: Hunt: 1, Prince Pippin (Capt C Marriott); 2, Metela (L Lay); 3, Foot Stick (H Wake). Ladies: 1, Foolish Hero (L Fellows); 2, Mister Skip (T Elwell); 3, Everett (Mrs G Hanmer). Open: 1, Paddy's Peril (J Deutsch); 2, Goldspun (M Felton); 3, Cahardaniel (K Hollowell). Audi Adj: 1, Tolmore (Mrs T Elwell); 2, Kinsbourne Bay (J Pritchard); 3, Raise Your Hoops (L Carenza). Old Etonian & Old Harrovian: 1, Chalk Pit (C Gee); 2, Britway (G Smyly); 3, Prince Milborne (R Fleming). Mdn I: 1, Walker's Lodge (N Oliver); 2, Hard Toffee (Miss A Langton); 3, Ice Rink (J Trice-Rolth). Mdn II: 1, Step This Way (M Felton); 2, Hardy Jack (A Gudgeon); 3, Green Secret (A Walter).

DUKE OF BUCCLEUCH AND JED-FOREST: Hunt: 1, Dundyvan (R Shiels); 2, Bronzeknowe (G Hamilton); 3, Stream Of Bunclody (T Butt). Adj: 1, Birling Jack (A Dudgeon); 2, Kitango (C Kennedy); 3, Leander Blue (J Purves). Rest: 1, Precipice Lodge (J Mactaggart); 2, Geordies Bng (T Scott); 3, Dun Rolfe (W Crozier). Ladies: 1, Kimswa (Mrs V Jackson); 2, Bantel Bowman (Mrs J Morton); 3, Fallalaw (Mrs R Elliot). Open: 1, Jasim (P Craggs); 2, Glory Snatcher (K Darby); 3, Satinanda (J Walton). Mdn I: 1, Cerdal (C Sample); 2, Polly Verry (Miss B Howarth); 3, Marcus Audacious (J Bradburne). Mdn II: 1, Head Kay's (A Crow); 2, Tender Pet (N Kelleher); 3, Miss Dilys (J Grossick).

Treble lifts Gifford to 1,000 mark

A remarkable record-breaking treble at Ascot yesterday took Josh Gifford to a career landmark of 1,000 winners as a trainer over jumps.

Gifford's three winners — French Goblin, Direct Approach and Ballyhane — were all ridden by Richard Rowe and all three won in record time.

Ballyhane completed the 584-1 treble and brought up the 1,000 when beating Royal Stag in the Bollinger Champagne Novices' Handicap Chase.

"I haven't planned any celebrations — I didn't really expect it," Gifford said before going off to enjoy a glass of champagne at the expense of the Ascot management.

Ballyhane's time of 4min 41.6sec was 3.4 seconds faster than the previous 2½-mile chase record set by Very Promising three seasons ago.

Earlier Direct Approach, the first of two winners for Jim Joel, took 1.3 seconds off Grand Canyon's 1978 record when winning the Royal Fern Novices' Chase over three miles.

This followed an equally impressive performance by French Goblin, who clipped a second off Dawn Run's 1983 record in the 2½-mile Lily Tree Novices' Hurdle.

Explanations accepted at Cumani inquiry

The Newmarket stewards yesterday accepted the explanations of Luca Cumani at an inquiry into the running of Raykour on Tuesday.

After drifting from 7-2 to 13-2 before the Ladbroke Handicap, Raykour made good late progress to finish fifth, beaten little more than a length.

Cumani told the stewards that the colt was not moving well going down the hill but that, on meeting the rising ground, he started to run on again. The trainer said he was satisfied with Ray Cochrane's riding.

Yesterday morning, Raykour was found to be slightly lame and Cumani's vet diagnosed a pulled muscle.

Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Justice who knew previous record should not have sat

Regina v Downham Market Magistrates' Court, Ex parte Nudd

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Kennedy

[Judgment April 13]

A magistrate who had convicted a defendant of threatening to kill his wife and thus knew his full antecedents should not have been part of the bench which a month later tried the same defendant for failing to supply a specimen of breath.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held on an application for judicial review by Barry Robert Nudd, in quashing his convictions by Downham Market Justices, on August 27, 1987, for offences of failing to provide breath specimens contrary to sections 7 and 8 of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as substituted in Schedule 8 of the Transport Act 1981.

Mr Michael Clare for the applicant; Mr David Spens for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that the chairman of the justices on the occasion of the August conviction had also been on the bench which on July 23, 1987, convicted the applicant of making threats to kill his wife and imposed a suspended sentence of imprisonment.

On that occasion the chairman had the opportunity of reading a full social inquiry report on the applicant and become fully acquainted with his reprehensible criminal record.

Furthermore, on July 31, 1986 the chairman was on a bench which convicted the applicant of offences of failing to leave licensed premises when required to do so and using abusive language.

The applicant's case was that the effect of the chairman's past acquaintance with him was that there had been an ostensible bias at his trial in August 1987.

Before the August hearing the applicant's solicitor ventilated the idea that other magistrates should hear the case because it should not be heard by someone with previous experience of the applicant.

Unfortunately there was a misunderstanding between the solicitor and the justices' clerk, who was under the impression that the solicitor was asking for the case to be transferred to another petty sessional division.

The clerk refused the application, saying that it was a small rural court with only 11 justices. Many defendants repeatedly appeared before the court and tended to become known.

The question for the Divisional Court was whether the clerk had addressed his mind correctly and applied the correct principle.

His Lordship did not accept that it had been impossible for a bench to be composed which had no previous experience of the applicant. If that had been the case the clerk would have said so in his affidavit.

Moreover, the clerk had to be taken as having reached his decision on the composition of the bench without consulting anyone, including the experienced chairman.

It seemed to his Lordship that the clerk really addressed his mind to whether or not section 42 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 was satisfied. While it was of relevance to consider section 42 that did not entirely meet the issue confronting him.

Here the chairman had crucial knowledge of the applicant's antecedents including an offence of driving while unfit through drink or drugs.

The right question was whether it was sensible and in the interests of justice for the chairman to sit. Had he asked that question the clerk might then have asked the chairman whether he himself felt it was appropriate for him to sit.

An article by J. N. Spencer in ((1986) 150 JP 307) concluded that the mere knowledge of previous convictions did not necessarily preclude a fair trial; that only arose when the knowledge was disclosed in a way which might lead to bias or the suspicion of bias. That was the relevant and applicable test.

Applying that test it seemed to his Lordship that it was wrong for the chairman to proceed to sit in this case. The public could not come to any other conclusion than that he might not have been able to put out of his mind his knowledge of the defendant in a case which turned on the defendant's word against that of a police officer.

Analogies had been drawn between this case and others. They had not been very helpful. Cases of bias and ostensible bias had to be regarded in the light of their own circumstances. The circumstances of this case could have no relevance to other cases.

MR JUSTICE KENNEDY, agreeing, said that it was easy to understand how the clerk fell into error. He had a balancing exercise to perform. The court did not know whether the clerk had the applicant's full criminal record. If not, the clerk had his Lordship's sympathy.

Clearly, in such circumstances the solicitor should set out in full the grounds on which he was seeking to show why a magistrate should not sit.

Solicitors: W.F. Smith & Co, Swaffham; Crown Prosecution Service, HQ.

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Chancery Division

Tipping sites are capital not current assets

Rolfe (Inspector of Taxes) v Wimpey Waste Management Ltd

Before Mr Justice Harman

[Judgment March 29]

Land sites acquired by a company specializing in waste disposal for use as "consumable tipping space" constituted capital and not current assets of the company. Neither the expenditure incurred on acquiring and setting up the sites or on restoring them when infilling was completed was allowable as a deduction in computing the company's profits for corporation tax purposes.

Mr Justice Harman so decided in the Chancery Division upholding an appeal by the Crown from a determination of a single special commissioner that had allowed an appeal by Wimpey Waste Management Ltd against corporation tax assessments made on it for its accounting periods from 1978 to 1984 inclusive.

The taxpayer company became involved in waste disposal in 1977 and thereafter acquired land to use for tipping. By 1984 it was providing a comprehensive waste disposal service to both the private and the public sectors and had some 20 freehold or leasehold sites that were licensed for use for the tipping of waste.

Sites had an average life expectancy of seven years and when infilling was completed they were restored in accordance with the conditions specified in the licences and then disposed of for grazing or parkland purposes.

In the company's audited accounts the sites were shown as constituting current assets and the company claimed that all the expenditure that it incurred annually on acquiring sites, preparing and developing them and on allocating sums for land restoration was of a revenue nature and deductible in computing its liability to tax. Those claims were rejected by the company's tax inspector.

The special commissioner who heard the company's appeal found in relation to each site that the identifiable asset was the air space that it provided supported by the land, coupled with the relevant permission to deal with it in a particular way.

She determined that although land was traditionally regarded as a capital asset, in the instant case it had to be regarded in the light of the business for whose purposes it had been acquired and as such had more in common with a builder's trading stock than with fixed assets of an investor in land and constituted current assets.

Mr Alan Moses for the Crown; Mr Stewart Bates, QC and Mr Kevin Prosser for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE HARMAN said that the issue was whether the expenditure on the acquisition of the sites and on making them suitable for waste disposal was deductible. It raised the old question — one of law — of whether a payment was capital or income.

The case for the Crown was that in all the circumstances the land sites acquired by the taxpayer company were fixed assets and for tax purposes were wasting assets, the expenditure on which, and depreciation of which, did not qualify as proper deductible items.

For the company, Mr Bates argued that the purpose in making the expenditure was to acquire, not the land, but the air space required by the company on a daily basis for tipping waste.

That air space, once used up, could never be re-used and so did not constitute a fixed asset. It was not, therefore a part of the permanent structure of the company and not a capital asset. The expenditure thus incurred, he argued, was not made once and for all and was not capital but revenue expenditure.

The company's case was fallacious. The "once-and-for-all" test could not be applied to expenditure by a substantial business acquiring wasting assets that were replaced when used up. Although the expenditure was recurrent, it was incurred to acquire land which was a tangible asset.

Regent Oil Co Ltd v Strick ([1966] AC 295), in contrast with *BP Australia Ltd v Commissioner of Taxation of the Commonwealth of Australia* ([1966] AC 224), provided a useful guide. There the House of Lords had held that sums paid by an oil company to owners of garages to acquire leases in order to secure sales of its products were payments for solid tangible assets and were of a capital nature.

To carry on its business of waste disposal the taxpayer company had to have places where it could get rid of the waste that it had contracted to dispose of — namely air space. But that air space was not an item of property unrelated to the ground.

The special commissioner had been trapped into error by finding that the company did not want the land as such but only the space above it. But it was the land together with the available, useable, air space that the company acquired. Those sites provided the places in which it carried on its business.

The commissioner had erred in law in holding that the expenditure on the sites was of a revenue nature. The appeal would be allowed.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Mr Roger W. Grey, Hammersmith.

Inaccuracy not fatal to voting

In re European Home Products plc

The fact that resolutions to cancel a company's share premium account were passed on the strength of an inaccurate circular would not prevent the court from confirming the cancellation where it appeared that the mistake would not have influenced the voting, the shareholders did not oppose the confirmation, and the creditors were not prejudiced.

Mr Justice Mervyn Davies so held in the Chancery Division on March 16 when confirming the cancellation of a share premium account on a petition by the company, European Home Products plc in the exercise of his jurisdiction under sections 130 and 135 to 137 of the Companies Act 1985.

HIS LORDSHIP said that *Tiessen v Henderson* ([1899] 1 Ch 861, 870); *Jessel Trust* ([1985] BCLC 119, 124, 125) and *In re Minster Assets plc* ([1985] BCLC 200, 201) showed, however, that it was not easy to secure the court's confirmation on the strength of an inaccurate circular and he exercised his discretion to confirm the cancellation with considerable hesitation because it went against the grain to encourage in any way a belief that facts stated in companies' circulars respecting reduction, cancellation and schemes of arrangement and so on should be in any way otherwise than completely reliable.

Agreement to injure not essential

Metall und Rohstoff AG v Donaldson Lufkin and Jenrette Inc and Another

Before Mr Justice Gatehouse

[Judgment March 29]

It was not an essential ingredient of the tort of conspiracy that the sole or predominant purpose of the agreement was to injure the other party.

Mr Justice Gatehouse so held in the Queen's Bench Division in a chambers judgment, reported with his Lordship's permission, in which he declined to set aside an order giving the plaintiffs, Metall und Rohstoff AG, leave to serve proceedings out of the jurisdiction upon the defendants, Donaldson Lufkin and Jenrette Inc and AML Holdings Inc.

Mr Mark Waller, QC, Mr Raymond Jack, QC, Mr Ian Geering and Miss Louise Edwards for the plaintiff; Mr Samuel Stamler, QC, Mr Ian Glick, QC and Mr Thomas Ivory for the first defendant; Mr Anthony Grabiner, QC and Mr Nicholas Stadlen for second defendant.

MR JUSTICE GATEHOUSE said that his understanding of Lord Diplock's speech in *Lonrho Ltd v Shell Petroleum Co Ltd (No 2)* ([1982] AC 173, 188) did not produce the result that predominant purpose to injure was an essential ingredient of the tort of conspiracy.

Although phrases were used in certain passages which *prima facie* appeared to refer to all types of civil conspiracy, the House was considering only one type, the "conspiracy to injure a man in his trade or business", in which the act which caused the damage to the plaintiff would not be actionable in tort if committed by one person alone, but might become actionable if committed pursuant to an agreement or combination between two or more people.

It was that curious feature which Lord Diplock had in mind in describing it as an "anomalous tort". The House of Lords was not concerned with other types of civil conspiracy, such as the simple conspiracy to commit any other act which would be tortious if committed by one person alone.

It would have been most surprising if the House of Lords had intended to alter radically tha nature of all those types of conspiracy which had long been recognized and were generally known as "illegal means" conspiracies, where predominant purpose had hitherto been immaterial. The subsequent speech of Lord Diplock in *Hadmore Productions v Hamilton* ([1983] 1 AC 191, 228) seemed to emphasize that conclusion.

With diffidence, his Lordship adhered to his interpretation, despite a decision of Mr Justice Hirst to the contrary in *Allied Arab Bank v Hajjar* (*The Times* March 11, 1988).

Solicitors: Herbert Smith; D.J. Freeman & Co; Freshfields.

Correction

In *Loveday v Renton* (*The Times* March 31, 1988) counsel for the plaintiff were Mr Stanley Brodie, QC, Mr Michael Brent, QC, Mr John Friel and Miss Jacqueline Beech.

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Warning's speed to prove decisive

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Warning and Sanquirico, the current market leaders for this year's 2,000 Guineas, meet for the first time today in the Charles Heidsieck Champagne Craven Stakes at Newmarket.

Also in the select field is a third unbeaten colt, Doyoun, who must run well in receipt of 5lb if he is to have any chance of winning on equal terms in 16 days' time.

However, I am loath to desert Warning, whom Guy Harwood rates the best two-year-old he has had in his care. Considering the material which has passed through his hands, that is praise indeed.

The question, which only a race will answer, is whether he is as good now that he has reached the age of three. The indications from Pulborough are that he is just as good, although his actual physique may not please the critical.

I imagine that Sanquirico, who ended his two-year-old career by winning the Royal Lodge Stakes over a mile at Ascot, will cut out the running. For, if Steve Cauthen lets the race develop into a dawdle, it would simply play into Pat Eddery's hands on Warning.

Interestingly, the Harwood camp have a key line on Sanquirico through Undercut, who was beaten just a head in that nail-biting *finish for* the Royal Lodge.

While conceding that Sanquirico is a tough sort and seemingly incapable of running a bad race, I still feel that Warning's finishing speed will tip the scales.

Apparently Doyoun's last important piece of work with Ten No Trumps on Saturday was so eye-catching, even in a snowstorm, that Warning will have to look to his laurels.

Guy Harwood: rates Warning best juvenile he has trained

Alwuhush, who finished just half a length behind Sanquirico at Ascot last September, renews rivalry on 5lb better terms. However, there has to be an element of doubt about him following *that appalling subsequent run* in the William Hill Futurity at Doncaster where he finished last.

Undercut himself returns to *the fray for the Feilden Stakes.* I thought that there was much to like about the way that he looked and moved when I saw him out at exercise at Pulborough last month. He will not find it easy, though, to give 8lb to Kefaah, who finished second to Unfuwain and Charmer in his only races last year.

Another possible winner for Harwood is Dunphy's Special, who is my selection for the Remy Martin Cognac Handicap even though the opposition includes the recent Haydock scorer, Greenhills Joy. Last year, Dunphy's Special came to hand early, winning first time out at Bath.

Slip And Stick, my selection for the Ladbrokes Boldboy Sprint Handicap, does not look harshly treated with 8st 5lb. He, too, won first time out last year.

Twelve months ago, Willie Jarvis took the wraps off a fast *two-year-old when he saddled* Colmore Row to win the EBF Stuntney Maiden Stakes. Now, I am led to believe, he has another promising sort in Arc Lamp.

My idea of the best bet of the day, though, is Backstreet Guy in the Sotheby's Handicap Chase at Ludlow, where he gained one of his three victories last season on the prevailing fast ground which he relishes.

I liked the way that he shaped first time out at Sandown when he finished fourth behind Torside, Chief Ironside and A Boy Named Sioux.

With only that race behind him, he has the advantage of being a fresh horse, an important factor at this late stage *of the jumping season.*

Blinkered first time

NEWMARKET: 4.10 Hard To Stop.

NEWMARKET

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Undercut.
2.35 Bellefella.
3.10 Warning.
3.40 Dunphy's Special.
4.10 Slip And Stick.
4.40 Arc Lamp.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.00 Kefaah.
2.35 Point House.
3.10 Sanquirico.
3.40 Greenhills Joy.
4.10 Slip And Stick.
4.40 ARC LAMP (nap).

By Michael Seely

2.35 Tutor. 3.40 DUNPHY'S SPECIAL (nap). 4.40 Arc Lamp.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 UNDERCUT.

Going: good **Draw: no significant advantage**

2.0 FEILDEN STAKES (Listed race: 3-Y-O: £10,063: 1m 1f) (11 runners)

101 (1) 11112- UNDERCUT 201 (C,F,G) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-5 .... Pat Eddery ● 99
102 (3) 41- CARROLL HOUSE 173 (S) (G Carroll) M Jarvis 9-2 .... B Raymond 84
103 (9) 1- ALBADR 205 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-2 .... M Roberts 77
104 (7) 010420- BURKAN 197 (F) (F Kalla) N Callaghan 9-0 .... Paul Eddery 88
106 (2) 031-0 IRAN SCAM 12 (C,S) (Mrs G Broniman) R Armstrong 9-0 .... W R Swinburn 83
107 (11) 63- AHOY 182 (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11 .... S Cauthen 74
109 (4) 6- BEAU IDEAL 215 (Mrs J Hislop) R Curtis 8-11 .... T Ives —
111 (6) 22- KEFAAH 195 (BF) (Sheikh A Al Maktoum) L Cumani 8-11 .... R Cochrane 85
115 (8) 4113- STAGE LARK 280 (G) (A Steadman) A Bailey 8-11 .... P Bloomfield 73
116 (5) 021- TOPSIDER MAN 183 (S) (Mrs V Gaucci del Bono) J Dunlop 8-11 .... W Carson 88
117 (10) 21- VAYRUA 163 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-11 .... M Hills 77

BETTING: 5-6 Undercut, 4-1 Kefaah, 9-1 Carroll House, 12-1 Albadr, Vayrua, Topsider Man, 14-1 Ahoy, 16-1 others.

1987: LEGAL BID 3-9-0 S Cauthen (8-11 fav) H Cecil 8 ran

FORM UNDERCUT (8-13) ran on well when head 2nd to Sanquirico (8-13) at Ascot (1m, Group II £14176, good, Sep 26, 10 ran).

CARROLL HOUSE (8-12) beat Devizes (8-12) 1l at Newbury (1m, £8157, heavy, Oct 24, 18 ran).

ALBADR (8-8) driven out to beat Grand Tier (9-3) ½l at Sandown (1m, £3768, good to soft, Sep 22, 11 ran).

KEFAAH (9-0) ¾l 2nd to Charmer (9-0) at *Newmarket* with *AHOY (9-0) 4½ 6th and IRAN* SCAM (9-0) behind in 8th (7f, £5170, good to firm, Oct 2, 23 ran).

STAGE LARK (9-5) 3l 3rd to Waktal (9-2) at Windsor (6f, £1706, good, Jun 29, 12 ran).

TOPSIDER MAN (8-11) short head 2nd to Noldinger (8-11) in Rome (1m, £21073, heavy, Nov 15, 9 ran).

VAYRUA (9-0) beat Royal Borough (9-0) 3l at Leicester (1m, £1054, soft, Nov 3, 21 ran).

Selection: UNDERCUT

2.35 REMY MARTIN XO MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O colts & geldings: £4,220: 7f) (15 runners)

C 4

201 (2) ADONE (Studcrown Ltd) L Cumani 9-0 .... Ray Cochrane —
202 (1) 0- AL MUHALHAL 157 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 .... R Hills —
203 (14) 3204 BELLEFELLA 224 (E Evans) C Nelson 9-0 .... J Reid ● 99
204 (15) 4- BIG CHIEF 164 (A Rudolf) Mrs L Piggott 9-0 .... T Ives 76
205 (13) *CHABICHOU (T Ellis) P Haslam 9-0 .... S Dawson* —
206 (6) DESERT LOMOND (M Obaida) Mrs P Piggott 9-0 .... B Crossley —
207 (11) HIGHLY ESTEEMED (E Moller) G Wragg 9-0 .... Pat Eddery —
209 (7) 0- MY REEF 271 (Dewfresh Mushrooms) J Jenkins 9-0 .... J Williams —
210 (9) 02204- PERSIAN EMPEROR 282 (Mrs C Painting) R Hollinshead 9-0 .... S Perks 78
211 (3) 4- POINT HOUSE 211 (P Goulandris) L Cumani 9-0 .... R Cochrane 83
212 (8) 3- RED PENCIL 278 (Mrs P Talbright) John FitzGerald 9-0 .... G Starkey 82
214 (5) SAN DOMENICO (Mrs H Morriss) G Wragg 9-0 .... Paul Eddery —
216 (4) 3- TUTOR 230 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 9-0 .... W Carson 74
217 (12) 23- VALIDATE 250 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 9-0 .... S Cauthen 86
218 (10) 4322- VERY ADJACENT 176 (J Lawrence) D Laing 9-0 .... T Williams 73

BETTING: 11-4 Bellefella, 7-2 Highly Esteemed, 5-1 Point House, 6-1 Validate, 8-1 Red Pencil, 10-1 Al Muhalhal, 12-1 Big Chief, 14-1 Tutor, 16-1 others.

1987: DOMINUS 3-9-0 Pat Eddery (11-4 fav) G Wragg 20 ran

FORM AL MUHALHAL (9-0) 5¾l 5th to Cruise Ship (9-0) at Newmarket (6f, £3587, good, Oct 30, 15 ran).

BELLEFELLA (8-11) best effort a 1½l 2nd to 2,000 guineas favourite Warning (8-11) at Goodwood (6f, £36530, good to firm, Jul 29, 7 ran).

BIG CHIEF (9-0) 2¾l 4th to Be My Fan (9-0) at Lingfield (7f, £1814, good to soft, Nov 2, 13 ran).

HIGHLY ESTEEMED By Be My Guest out of Favoridge. Comes from an excellent family, the dam finished 3rd in the 1,000 guineas.

POINT HOUSE (9-0) 2½l 4th to Nickle Plated (9-0) at Yarmouth (7f, £1272, good, Sep 16, 19 ran).

TUTOR (8-11) 7l 3rd to Young Hal (8-11) at *Newmarket* (6f, £3438, good, Aug 28, 9 ran).

VALIDATE (9-0) staying on 2½l 3rd to Heroes Sash (9-0) at Newmarket (6f, £3444, good, Aug 8, 9 ran).

VERY ADJACENT (8-12) 4l 2nd to Indian Ridge (9-0) at Leicester (6f, £3730, soft, Oct 19, 6 ran).

Selection: BELLEFELLA

3.10 CHARLES HEIDSIECK CHAMPAGNE CRAVEN STAKES (Group III: 3-Y-O colts & geldings: £18,471: 1m) (5 runners)

C 4

301 (2) 11111- SANQUIRICO 201 (C,D,F,G,S) (C St George) H Cecil 9-0 .... S Cauthen 93
303 (1) 1111- WARNING 216 (F,G) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0 .... Pat Eddery ● 99
304 (5) 230- ALWUHUSH 173 (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-9 .... W Carson 96
305 (1) 1- DOYOUN 195 (C,F) (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 8-9 .... W R Swinburn 84
306 (3) 103032- GALITZIN 186 (C,G) (C Elliott) C Brittain 8-9 .... M Roberts 79

BETTING: 6-5 Warning, 9-4 Sanquirico, 4-1 Doyoun, 7-1 Alwuhush, 25-1 Galitzin.

1987: AJDAL 3-9-0 W Swinburn (6-5 fav) M Stoute 6 ran

FORM SANQUIRICO (8-13) all out to beat Undercut (8-13) a head at Ascot with ALWUHUSH (8-10) a neck 3rd and GALITZIN (8-10) behind in 8th (1m, Group II, ££58849, good, sep 26, *10 ran*).

WARNING (9-0) beat Always Fair (9-0) 1½l at Doncaster (7f, Gp2, £32670, good, Sep 11, 4 ran).

ALWUHUSH (9-0) below par on final start when 15½l last of 6 to Emmson (9-0) at Doncaster (1m, Gp1, £48384, good, Oct 24, 6 ran).

DOYOUN (9-0) comfortably beat Defence Policy (9-0) 1½l at Newmarket (7f, £5072, good to firm, Oct 2, 18 ran).

GALITZIN (9-1) 1½l 2nd to Upper Strata (8-7) at Newmarket (1m 2l, £9596, good to soft, Oct 31, 7 ran).

Selection: WARNING

3.40 REMY MARTIN COGNAC HANDICAP (£5,080: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

C 4

401 (1) 120/022- CHAUVE SOURIS 327 (D,F) (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 5-9-10 .... Paul Eddery 87
402 (7) 313- *PROFESSIONAL GIRL 223 (D,S) (Mrs M Niarchos) J Tree 4-9-6 .... Pat Eddery* 89
403 (2) 310110- ROUSHAYD 173 (D,G,S) (H H Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 4-9-4 .... S Cauthen 84
404 (4) 1030- DUNPHY'S SPECIAL 218 (D,F) (Sir E Harrison) G Harwood 4-8-10 .... G Starkey 94
405 (3) 12330-1 GREENHILLS JOY 12 (D,G,S) (L Audus) M Ryan 5-8-5 .... B Raymond 95
406 (5) 0/0010-2 FIRST DIVISION 6 (D,F,G,S) (A F Budge Ltd) S Christian 5-8-2 .... W Ryan ● 99
407 (6) 023132- VOUCHSAFE 173 (D,F,G) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 5-7-12 W Carson 96
408 (8) 124-0 REGAL AMBITION 19 (S) (Skeltools Ltd) J Shaw 4-7-11 .... G Bardwell (5) 91

BETTING: 7-2 Roushayd, 9-2 Greenhills Joy, 5-1 Dunphy's Special, 6-1 Professional Girl, 7-1 Vouchsafe, Regal Ambition, 8-1 Chauve Souris, 10-1 First Division.

1987: SARONICOS 4-8-5 M Roberts (5-1) C Brittain 10 ran

FORM CHAUVE SOURIS (8-9) ¾l 2nd to Lemhill (9-7) at Haydock (2m 28yd, £3857, good, May 23, 8 ran).

PROFESSIONAL GIRL (8-4) best effort a 1½l defeat of *Fleeting Affair* (9-4) at York (1m 4f, £7544, good to soft, Aug 20, 8 ran).

ROUSHAYD (8-11) best effort when beating Boca Tower (8-12) a head at Ascot (1m 4f, £64162, good, Sept 26, 16 ran) with FIRST DIVISION (8-13) out of the first nine.

DUNPHY'S SPECIAL (9-0) 3½l 3rd to Angel City (8-12) at Goodwood (1m 6f, £8285, good to firm, July 29, 8 ran).

GREENHILLS JOY (9-13) beat Cranchester (8-1) 1½l at Haydock (1m 4l, £3132, heavy, Apr 2, 11 ran).

FIRST DIVISION (8-11) not clear run when a length 2nd to Milton Burn (7-7) at Kempton (1m 4f, £3111, good, Apr 8, 11 ran).

VOUCHSAFE (9-2) 2l 2nd to Woodpecker (9-0) at *Newbury (1m 3l, £7200, heavy, Oct 24, 11 ran).*

REGAL AMBITION (8-11) best effort when 8l 4th to Knbenss (9-11) at Sandown (1m 3l 100yd, £3423, good, May 26, 12 ran).

Selection: ROUSHAYD

4.10 LADBROKES BOLDBOY SPRINT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,626: 6f) (16 runners)

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501 (5) 031113- PEA GREEN 217 (F,G) (G Greenwood) R Akehurst 9-7 .... J Reid 88
502 (11) 00134-0 POINT OF LIGHT 10 (CD,G) (T Ramsden) G Lewis 8-12 .... Paul Eddery 98
503 (10) 421124- APTITUDE 182 (F,G) (Prince Y Saud) B Hills 8-8 .... M Hills 94
504 (9) 0112- LUSTY LAD 278 (BF,F,G) (A Walder) M Haynes 8-6 .... B Rouse 95
505 (15) 200012- SLIP AND STICK 170 (C,D,F) (O Zawawi) B Hanbury 8-5 .... Pat Eddery 95
506 (1) 110003- SONILLA 196 (D,F,S) (J Law) R Holder 8-2 .... S Dawson 87
507 (14) 000210- PORTVASCO 159 (CD,S) (Mrs H Keswick) P Walwyn 8-1 .... N Howe 97
508 (12) 10- SIMON RATTLE 167 (D,G) (O Waller) P Walwyn 8-1 .... M Roberts 94
509 (7) 40100-4 FAG IN HAND 19 (D,G) (Mrs M Haggas) W Haggas 8-0 .... R Hills 96
510 (16) 11043-0 ISLA BRIDGE 21 (D,F,G) (J Etherton) J Payne 8-0 .... G Bardwell (5) 82
511 (8) 030100- MAC'S FIGHTER 173 (B,CD,F) (M McDonnell) W O'Gorman 7-12 .... R Morse (5) 98
512 (13) 11200- BAJAN BESS 250 (F,G) (Mrs J Hurlstone) John FitzGerald 7-11 .... R Fox 93
514 (2) 310100- CRAFTY CHRIS 203 (D,F,G) (F Kalla) N Callaghan 7-8 .... W Carson 98
516 (3) 41-2 MASTER PALEHOUSE 12 (D,S) (P Jackson) P Kelleway 7-7 .... J Quinn (5) ● 99
517 (4) 040210- ASHLAR BOY 160 (S) (S Reakes) *R* Hollinshead 7-7 .... A Culhane 96
518 (6) 01490-0 HARD TO STOP 12 (V,S) (Peter Shilton Ltd) R Hannon 7-7 .... T Williams 89

Long handicap: Master Palehouse 7-4, Ashlar Boy 7-3, Hard To Stop 7-3.

BETTING: 100-30 Master Palehouse, 9-2 Slip And Stick, 11-2 Aptitude, 7-1 Portvasco, Simon Rattle, *8-1 Fag In Hand, Crafty Chris, 10-1 Sonilla, 12-1 others.*

1987: SPITZABIT 3-7-11 R Fox (8-1) Pat Mitchell 12 ran

FORM PEA GREEN (8-11) best effort a ½l defeat of Blues Indigo (8-8) at Newbury (5f, £9334, good to firm, Aug 15, 9 ran).

POINT OF LIGHT (8-11) best effort when ½l 3rd to Inchmurrin (8-6) at Ayr (5f, £13147, good to soft, Sept 17, 10 ran).

LUSTY LAD (9-6) a head 2nd to Director's Choice (9-3) at Lingfield (6f, £3831, good to firm, July 11, 4 ran).

SLIP AND STICK (9-4) best effort a short head defeat of APTITUDE (9-7) here (5f, £5936, good to firm, Oct 1, 15 ran) with SONILLA (9-2) ½l 3rd and HARD TO STOP (8-7) well behind.

PORTVASCO (8-3) beat Shabanaz (7-12) 3l here (6f, £6363, good to soft, Oct 15, 13 ran) with APTITUDE (8-10) 2¾l 4th and FAG IN HAND (8-7) ½l 5th.

MAC'S FIGHTER (7-7) best effort a short head beating of Classy Turn (9-3) here (6f, £10394, firm, Oct 3, 15 ran).

MASTER PALEHOUSE (9-2) 3l 2nd to Tyrian Belle (8-0) at Kempton (6f, £3175, soft, Apr 2, 18 ran) with HARD TO STOP (9-1) well behind.

ASHLAR BOY (9-0) beat Mine's A Double (9-0) at Catterick (5f, £2238, good to soft, Oct 17, 15 ran).

Selection: POINT OF LIGHT

4.40 EBF STUTNEY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O colts & geldings: £2,898: 5f) (10 runners)

601 (5) ARC LAMP (H Joel) W Jarvis 9-0 .... B Raymond —
602 (6) BACHELOR'S PET (P Durkan) M McCormack 9-0 .... S Horsfall (5) —
603 (9) CRONK'S COURAGE (Cronk Garages Ltd) G Lewis 9-0 .... Paul Eddery —
606 (1) PRECIOUS BOY (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 9-0 .... N Day —
607 (8) SAGLAWY (Sheikh M Al Sabah) F Fytche 9-0 .... NON-RUNNER —
608 (7) SHEIKH'S PET (Sheikh M Al Sabah) F Fytche 9-0 .... T Quinn —
609 (4) STEELE'S (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 9-0 .... Pat Eddery —
610 (2) SUPERPOWER (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 9-0 .... T Ives —
611 (3) WINDSOR PARK (The Queen) W Hastings-Bass 9-0 .... W R Swinburn —
612 (10) YOUNG ASPIRATION (M Hepker) John FitzGerald 9-0 .... R Hills —

BETTING: 13-8 Windsor Park, 15-8 Arc Lamp, 9-2 Steele's, 6-1 Superpower, 14-1 Sheikh's Pet, 16-1 others.

1987: COLMORE ROW 9-0 B Raymond (7-2 jt-fav) W Jarvis 11 ran

ARC LAMP (foaled: Mar 15) half-brother to 6-10f winner Lady Sophie and 7-10f winner Kings Glory.

BACHELOR'S PET (foaled: Feb 27, cost: IR3,200gns) is the first foal of moderate 5f mare.

CRONK'S COURAGE (foaled: Mar 19 cost: IR7,000gns) is a half-brother to several winners in both America and Belgium.

SAGLAWY (foaled: Mar 30, cost: 9,000gns) half-brother to 1m winner Willow Red and 5f scorer Flying Dolphin.

SHEIKH'S PET (foaled: Mar 24, cost: IR20,000gns) is a full-brother to sharp 1985 juvenile Mummy's Secret as well as useful 5f performer Mi Favorita.

SUPERPOWER (foaled: Feb 15, cost: 24,000gns) is a half-brother to Florentynna Bay, a 5f winner last season.

WINDSOR PARK (foaled: Apr 12) is a half-brother to useful 1986 juvenile Roundlet. Dam related to top class Highclere and sire won Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes.

Selection: WINDSOR PARK

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Cecil	35	114	30.7
W Hern	15	77	19.5
L Cumani	20	104	19.2
M Stoute	20	121	16.5
W Jarvis	7	43	16.3
C Nelson	3	20	15.0

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Cauthen	52	225	23.1
G Bardwell	4	27	14.8
Pat Eddery	*30*	*217*	*13.8*
M Roberts	9	68	13.2
W Carson	25	198	12.6
W R Swinburn	17	136	12.5

(Not including yesterday's results)

TAUNTON

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Golden Acre.
2.45 Guymyson.
3.20 Soulful Strut.

3.50 Mamamere.
4.20 Crowecopper.
4.50 A Lad Insane.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: firm

2.15 FRESH START NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £816: 2m 1f) (14 runners)

1 33-0011 GOLDEN ACRE 6 (B,D,G,S) (R *Hewitt*) M Pipe 6-12-6 .... P Johnson (7) 99
4 134 STAR SEASON 10 (CD,S) (M Wheeler) R Holder 4-11-4 .... NON-RUNNER —
7 0-0 BATTY BEATLE 57 (R Frost) R Frost 6-11-0 .... J Frost —
9 400262 CANTORIAL 10 (B) (E Tucker) C Popham 7-11-0 .... B Powell 83
10 0PP0 G W SUPERMAN 98 (Great Western Dev Ltd) N Mitchell 5-11-0 .... S Earle —
11 P/UP JAY'AY'DEE 17 (B) (J A D Eng Ltd) B Preece 5-11-0 .... P Miller (7) —
12 042-004 MORNING EXCHANGE 233 (N De Savary) N Thomson 8-11-0 .... D Morris 85
14 3P-0032 ROYAL BATTERY 12 (R Cottle) D Barons 5-11-0 .... P Nicholls ● 99
16 PP/ WOBBLER 730 (Miss A Bucknall) C Popham 6-11-0 .... S McNeill —
19 0-00 DIDNELPS 29 (S Wilcox) P Rodford 7-10-9 .... P Richards —
20 U EMMA'S IMP 8 (S Stevens) S Stevens 5-10-9 .... Miss P Curling (7) —
22 P000- LAURA'S DREAM 343 (R Packer) Mrs A Knight 5-10-9 .... W Irvine (7) —
23 300300 LIZZY LONGSTOCKING 6 (Miss L Wonnacott) Mrs J Wonnacott 5-10-9 .... D Wonnacott 89
25 0 NEVER SWEETER 19 (*I Maddocks*) I Maddocks 5-10-9 .... G Davies —

BETTING: 15-8 Golden Acre, 7-2 Royal Battery, 5-1 Cantorial, 6-1 Lizzy Longstockings, 10-1 Morning Exchange, 20-1 others.

1987: MEETING ABANDONED – FROST

2.45 MELODY MAN HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,530: 2m 1f) (12 runners)

9 10011-4 BICKERMAN 10 (F,G) (B Dowling) J Spearing 5-11-10 .... Gee Armytage ● 99
11 0P000P ARBITRAGE 28 (CD,S) (D Bay) B Forsey 7-11-8 .... P Croucher 90
12 1U0002 GUYMYSON 21 (D,BF,F) (M Pipe) M Pipe 5-11-7 .... P Scudamore 89
15 11/144-0 DERBY DAY 10 (F,G) (G Pike) G Pike 7-11-5 .... Judy Blakeney 82
16 F-00P00 SWIFT ASCENT 10 (D,F,S) (Mrs M Bisgrove) R Hodges 9-11-0 .... W Irvine (7) —
17 190040 DICK'S FOLLY 6 (B,CD,F,G,S) (M Saunders) W Fisher 6-10-11 .... J Lower —
19 402-30F COURTLANDS GIRL 10 (CD,F) (G Stickland) G Stickland 6-10-7 .... S McNeill 98
22 P43000 BABY SIGH 10 (D,G) (Sparkler Filters Ltd) P Bailey 7-10-4 .... Mr S Stickland 94
23 24-0000 SPARKLER SPIRIT 35 (D,G) (G Groves) J Davies 8-10-0 .... B Powell —
26 0000-P3 THE ENID 10 (S) (G Groves) J Davies 8-10-0 .... S McCrystal (7) 95
27 1000P/0 PALLETINE 10 (F) (T Parrott) Mrs H Parrott 7-10-0 .... R Bellamy (7) —
28 012P-P0 LONDON CONTACT 7F (C,D,F) (W Williams) W R Williams 5-10-0 .... R Dennis 80

Long handicap: Palletine 9-8, London Contact 8-13.

BETTING: 11-4 *Guymyson, 7-2 Bickerman*, 11-2 Courtlands Girl, 8-1 Baby Sigh, Arbitrage, 12-1 The Enid, 14-1 Derby Day, 16-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
R Holder	12	43	27.9
W Fisher	3	14	21.4
M Pipe	23	115	20.0
D Elsworth	8	43	18.6
J Baker	4	31	12.9
J Old	4	36	11.1

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
P Scudamore	6	28	21.4
P Richards	9	45	20.0
J Lower	5	25	20.0
P Croucher	4	24	16.7
B Powell	11	109	10.1

(Only qualifiers)

3.20 CLARKE WILLMOTT & CLARKE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,771: 2m 150yd) (15 runners)

1 123233 QUICKSTEP 21 (B,D,S) (M Pipe) M Pipe 7-11-10 .... P Scudamore 87
2 011-301 SOULFUL STRUT 10 (D,F,S) (Mrs J Corbett) F Walwyn 7-11-10 (7ex) .... S Shilston 88
6 223441- DONAVAN'S CHOICE 10 (D,B,F,S) (S Hunt) C Popham 6-10-11 (7ex) .... B Powell 91
7 004200 FADA 12 (D,G,S) (B Broad) J Bosley 11-10-9 .... M Bosley 92
8 00-332P SCOTS NOGGER 114 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M S Spearing) J Spearing 13-10-8 ... Gee Armytage 96
9 040034 NONSTOP 6 (D,B,F) (Mrs S Goldblatt) P O'Connor 9-10-7 .... — ● 99
10 324442 DEEP RIDGE 12 (D,F,S) (Mrs B Roberts) R Hodges 10-10-5 .... W Irvine (7) 98
11 60/FF0F WILD GEESE 29 (D,S) (G Probert) C Luxton 10-10-2 .... S McNeill 97
12 0000P4- INDIAN MAJOR 10 (D,F) (Miss P Barnes) Miss P Barnes 11-10-1 .... Peter Hobbs 94
15 P3-PP0F SCOTTISH AIR 56 (D,S) (B Scriven) B Scriven 11-10-0 .... Mr G Upton (7) —
18 0-0U030 LAURENBEL 10 (G Hussey) N Mitchell 7-10-0 .... A Webb 98
20 F30F20 FIB 12 (D,F) (Mrs S Greathead) T Greathead 6-10-0 .... D Morris 94
21 00-0P0P BE MY LUCK 35 (D,F,G) (D Graham) R Hodges 7-10-0 .... S Earle —
22 000P-PP CAROL'S MUSIC 45 (B) (C Pudge) A James 7-10-0 .... — —
23 0000BF CUTTING EDGE 29 (D,S) (B Isaac) B Isaac 8-10-0 .... R Milman —

Long handicap: Scottish Air 9-6, Laurenbel 9-3, Fib 9-3, Be My Luck 9-2, Carol's Music 8-10, Cutting Edge 8-10.

BETTING: 3-1 Donavan's Choice, 7-2 Quickstep, 4-1 Soulful Strut, 8-1 Deep Ridge, 10-1 Scots Nogger, 12-1 Nonstop, Fada, Fib, 20-1 others.

3.50 APRIL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £620: 2m 1f) (10 runners)

1 020001 MAMAMERE 6 (D,G) (T Fletcher) S Cole 10-12 .... — 90
2 P0 ALDINGTON KID 44 (C Wheatley) C Trietline 10-10 .... P Caldwell —
5 000 GHAWWAS 40 (BF) (I Farini) M Pipe 10-10 .... R MacNiece ● 99
7 040UP RIPSTER 14 (H) (J Nolan) Miss S Wilton 10-10 .... S Davies —
10 0000 SNO SURPRISE 14 (Miss S Davies) D Wintle 10-10 .... — —
11 0FP UNITY FARM BOY 10F (B) (Unity Farm Hol Cen Ltd) P Hobbs 10-10 .... D Hood —
13 0300 MAID MALEEN 15 (C Wildman) C Wildman 10-5 .... R Vaughan —
14 00400 SEPTEMBER SNAP 7F (R Wright) B Stevens 10-5 .... M Stevens —
15 2000P VALVERDE 110 (B) (C Pester) W G Turner 10-5 .... Tracey Turner 95
16 PP VERBIER 17F (J M Bradley) J M Bradley 10-5 .... D Williams —

BETTING: *6-4 Ghawwas, 2-1 Mamamere, 8-1 Valverde, 12-1 Maid Maleen, 14-1 Sno Surprise,* September Snap, 20-1 others.

4.20 HUSBANDS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,108: 3m) (14 runners)

3 00U201 COMEDY LANE 10 (C,F,S) (A Stoddart) D Barons 9-12-0 (7ex) .... B Powell 98
4 0-4P0P HOLEMOOR PATROL 29 (C,F) (Mrs P Blackburn) P Hobbs 8-11-10 .... Peter Hobbs 86
5 32P303 CROWECOPPER 10 (D,F,S) (J A D Eng Ltd) B Preece 8-11-9 .... P Miller (7) 97
6 F000P0 GLEN GEORGE 21 (G,S) (Mrs J Ostler) G Ham 8-11-9 .... S Mackey (7) 89
8 F00012 LECTOR 10 (B,BF,F,G,S) (*J Joseph*) D Elsworth 7-11-7 .... *P Holley (7)* 86
9 1P020P WESTERN TINT 12 (F) (M Pinto) Miss L Bower 8-11-5 .... R Rowell 95
10 UU01-R MARSHLANDER 107 (F) (W Bush) W Bush 9-11-5 .... Mr S Bush 92
14 F03FP3 CHARLIE'S COTTAGE 8 (G,S) (W Sturt) J Old 8-11-4 .... S McNeill 92
21 10P301 THE FLOORLAYER 10 (CD,F,S) (Beauty Floors Ltd) J Baker 10-11-0 (7ex) .... M Williams 92
24 40F000 CILERNA JET 30 (C,F,G,S) (Exors the late P Tory) M Tory 9-10-12 .... Mr A Tory (7) 95
29 003010 GOOD TRADE 12 (D,F,G,S) (H Harper) H Harper 13-10-4 .... L Harvey ● 99
30 400404 CAPTAIN LOWE 12 (F) (R Hackett) P Howling 8-10-3 .... M Furlong 82
31 000-0PU BOLT HOLE 10 (F) (Wessex Builders Ltd) P Hayward 9-10-1 .... P Bowman (7) 81
34 F004P0 GOOD INVESTMENT 6 (B Llewellyn) Miss B Llewellyn 8-10-0 .... Miss B Llewellyn (7) 82

Long handicap: Good Investment 9-4.

BETTING: 5-2 Comedy Lane, 3-1 The Floorlayer, 7-2 Lector, 6-1 Crowecopper, 11-1 Charlie's Cottage, 16-1 Western Tint, 20-1 Marshlander, 25-1 others.

4.50 FRESH START NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £823: 2m 1f) (14 runners)

3 - P020 A LAD INSANE 15 (Miss S Wills) K Bailey 7-11-0 .... P Croucher 98
4 1F6 BULLET TRAIN 85 (S) (M Oberstein) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 .... M Pitman —
6 P00P DEEP SURPRISE 10 (Mrs M Walters) C Trietline 5-11-0 .... P Caldwell (7) —
7 02304 DUCKHAVEN 12 (J Baker) J Baker 5-11-0 .... M Williams 88
9 0PPF-FP HALF A BUCK 57 (D Horswell) C Popham 6-11-0 .... S McNeill —
12 40022- HIGH WARRIOR 331 (B) (R T Williams) C Popham 5-11-0 .... B Powell 90
13 FP0F/P-0 MASTER BARN 34 (P Rogers) R Frost 8-11-0 .... — —
17 P0 TRIMPLEY JACK 12 (K Redwood) W G Turner 10-11-0 .... Tracy Turner —
19 00-0203 COME ON LUCKY 12 (M Willey) M Pipe 5-10-9 .... P Scudamore ● 99
21 0000 G W SUPREME 35 (B) (Great Western Dev Ltd) N Mitchell 5-10-9 .... S Earle —
22 3203P-P HELLUVA SEASON 12 (Mrs S Stratton) R Frost 6-10-9 .... J Frost 88
23 3F KATHIES CHOICE 43 (J Dunkerton) J Bradley 5-10-9 .... G Davies 72
24 00-4200 MISHY'S STAR 8 (Mrs V Forte) J Forte 6-10-9 .... Mr A Forte (7) —
28 0P0024 WHISTLING EDGE 36 (E Allsopp) J Spearing 5-10-9 .... A Webb 84

BETTING: 15-8 A Lad *Insane*, 9-4 Come On Lucky, 3-1 Whistling Edge, 7-1 High Warrior, 12-1 Duckhaven, Bullet Train, 20-1 others.

LUDLOW

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Our Tilly. 2.30 Carminda. 3.0 *BACKSTREET GUY* (nap). 3.30 *Duhallow Boy.* 4.0 Peace Clash. 4.30 Leading Role.

Brian Beel's selection: 4.0 Krystle Saint.

Going: good to firm

2.0 HALL, WATERIDGE & OWEN SELLING HURDLE (£610: 2m) (20 runners)

2 P010 PELLS CLOSE 27 (V,D,S) S Dow 5-11-10 .... J Duggan
7 04P- COMTEC PRINCE 325 B Forsey 6-11-4 .... N Coleman
10 0P30 LYON COEUR 47 (BF) F Jordan 5-11-4 .... C Smith
11 0-40 MISTA SPOOF 107 J Perrett 6-11-4 .... Steve Knight
14 3000 NO CREDIBILITY 12 B Richmond 6-11-4 .... P Corrigan
16 0-03 OUR TILLY 42 J Colston 5-11-4 .... G McCourt
19 0000 WALMER SANDS 12 B Preece 6-11-4 .... P Warner
23 -0PF HALLOWED 139 P Pritchard 6-10-13 .... N Fearn (4)
25 0302 MISS APEX 10 Mrs M Jackson 5-10-13 .... S Woods (4)
27 3000 PANIENKA 9 (D,S) E Owen Jun 4-10-13 D J Burchell (4)
28 F0P0 PATCHOULI'S PET 5 (D,F) W Morris 5-10-13. W Morris
29 0004 POETS DAY 10 (D,S) Mrs S Oliver 6-10-13 .... R Hyett
31 -002 RUPERT'S DAUGHTER 5 M Eckley 5-10-13 .. D Tegg (4)
32 3400 SOLENT EXPRESS 10 (CD,F,S) B Stevens 5-10-13 NON-RUNNER
34 30AP THE DABBER 10 B Wells 5-10-13 .... G Charles Jones
35 -P00 THE TULSA QUEEN 58 D Bell 5-10-13 .... Lorna Vincent
37 0000 TYRANNISE 12 (D,F,G,S) O Brennan 5-10-13 M Brennan
44 40UP RIPSTER 14 (H) Miss S Wilton 4-10-12 .... S Davies (7)
46 0420 FINGERS CROSSED 10 K Morgan 4-10-7 J Osborne (4)
47 0F30 LEGAL COIN 20 K White 4-10-7 .... A O'Hagan

BETTING: 11-4 Panienka, 9-2 Legal Coin, 8-1 Miss Apex, 8-1 Comtec Prince, Fingers Crossed, 10-1 others.

2.30 TOTE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,359: 2m 5f) (8)

7 3000 PRIDE HILL 20 (C,G) D Barons 6-11-7 .... N Hawke (7)
13 0 ARTIC TREASURE 47 J Chugg 6-11-0 .... G Mernagh
15 U000 BOLD RIVER 47 M Oliver 6-11-0 .... R Rowe
28 23F0 PYLEIGH COURT 15 B Smart 6-11-0 .... R Dunwoody
34 PF00 AWANEEN 12 (F) Miss S Oliver 7-10-9 .... J Duggan
36 -000 BRANSFORD 10 Miss S Oliver 7-10-9 .... S Lovejoy (7)
37 -030 CARMINDA 19 N Henderson 6-10-9 .... J White
40 P/ PAMELA WOULD 700 L Codd 8-10-9 .... —

BETTING: 11-10 Carminda, 3-1 Pride Hill, 6-1 Pyleigh Court, 8-1 Awaneen, 14-1 Arctic Treasure, 16-1 others.

3.0 SOTHEBY'S HANDICAP CHASE (£1,725: 3m) (9)

4 02-4 BACKSTREET GUY 55 (CD,F,G,S) N Henderson 9-11-10 J White
7 4303 GENERAL JOY 9 (D,F,S) D Nicholson 8-11-4 R Dunwoody
8 2P21 KITTINGER 12 (C,G,S) A Turnell 7-11-3 (5ex) Steve Knight
9 1402 WEIGHT PROBLEM 42 (B,F,S) P Bevan 11-10-13 T Wall
11 3F4F BUNDLE BOY 34 (CD,G,S) T Forster 10-10-8. H Davies
13 2404 IMPERIAL CHAMPAGNE 9 (G,S) Miss J Thorne 8-10-6 N Dawe
22 13F/ GOLD CASTE 960 (D,F) K Morgan 11-10-0 J Osborne (4)
24 /0-P LORIOT 105 (D,F,G,S) N Thick 11-10-0 W Humphries (4)
25 PP0F RYMER'S FANCY 15 J Chugg 7-10-0 .... G Mernagh

BETTING: 11-4 Weight Problem, 100-30 Backstreet Guy, 9-2 Bundle Boy, 5-1 Kittinger, 8-1 General Joy, 10-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: T Forster, 13 winners from 44 runners, 29.5%; N Gaselee, 4 from 14, 28.6%; J King, 5 from 19, 26.3%; M Pipe, 11 from 42, 26.2%; B Preece, from 38, 18.4%; K Bailey, 5 from 29, 17.2%.

JOCKEYS: J Lower, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30.0%; H Davies, 12 from 46, 26.1%; G McCourt, 3 from 15, 20.0%; P Warner, 7 from 61, 11.5%; C Smith, 5 from 45, 11.1%. (Only qualifiers).

3.30 BRONFIELD SAND & GRAVEL HANDICAP CHASE (£1,725: 2m 4f) (9)

4 2433 LARRY-O 15 (B,D,G,S) F Winter 8-11-10 .... B de Haan
5 F322 DUHALLOW BOY 12 (F,G,S) T Casey 8-11-8 R Dunwoody
6 0P00 JUVENILE PRINCE 10 (B,D,F,G,S) M Oliver 10-11-7 *R Rowe*
9 24U1 BRYMA 9 (D,S) B Palling 8-10-4 (7ex) .... C Evans
11 024F MISTER FEATHERS 8 (F,G) J King 7-11-0 ... D Tegg (4)
15 03P3 MEGABIT 10 (F,S) W G M Turner 9-10-6 .... —
16 244P STUBBS DAUGHTER 10 (F,G,S) K Bailey 11-10-3 R Beggan
17 3P-P TUBBERTELLY 10 (D,F,G,S) P Bevan 11-10-0 ... T Wall
18 4P0/ ADMIRAL GRENVILLE 946 (B,F,G) W G M Turner 12-10-0 R Goldstein

BETTING: 5-2 Bryma, 7-2 Larry-O, 4-1 Duhallow Boy, 6-1 *Mister Feathers, 8-1 Megabit, 10-1 others.*

4.0 BODEN, GREEN, JACOBS & OLIVER HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £544: 3m) (18)

1 0313 NIGHT SAFE 9 (C,G,S) Mrs J Griffith 7-12-5 J Griffith (7)
2 30F- BALLYTRENT 360 D Shone 8-11-12 .... G Hanmer (7)
3 P-8P BRONZE WARRIOR 9 (B) G Roe 8-11-12 T Jackson (7)
4 02-F EASTERN DESTINY 8 W Tilley 10-11-12 .... J Tilley (7)
5 300/ GRUNDY GLOW 681 (F,G,S) C Bolton 8-11-12 .... —
6 F-00 K JOHN 42 Mrs W B Brown 8-11-12 .... J Grouocott (7)
8 0U0/ MANDOSO 691 Mrs D Cope 9-11-12 .... —
9 0/FU NORTH KEY 10 (S) J Palmer 8-11-12 Miss M Kinsell (7)
10 RP/0 ONAPROMISE 10 (F,G,S) K Hollowell 12-11-12 .... —
11 0000 OPTIMUM 16 (F,G,S) D Nicholson 10-11-12 J Nicholson (7)
12 F-20 PEACE CLASH 20 (CD,F,G,S) J Greenall 11-11-12 J Greenall (4)
13 -P43 PLOT LANE 6 P Doggrell 11-11-12 .... M Doggrell (7)
14 0P/4 RODERICK ANTHONY 8 W Davies 10-11-12 T Stephenson (7)
15 000/ SPARTAN LOVER 1294 Mrs S Virr 12-11-12 .... —
16 00P0 TELF 12 Mrs E Ludlow 8-11-12 .... P Clarke (7)
18 00- CHERRYBURN 488 D Bell 9-11-7 .... —
19 002/ CLASSIC PAGE 688 Mrs E Wilson 10-11-7 .... —
20 UFU KRYSTLE SAINT 8 D Wheatley 7-11-7 .... S Andrews

BETTING: 2-1 Peace Clash, 100-30 Night Safe, 5-1 Roderick Anthony, 13-2 Plot Land, 10-1 others.

4.30 DJ PROFILES NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,098: 2m) (18)

1 1121 LEADING ROLE 10 (D,S) M Pipe 4-12-1 (5ex) .. J Lower
3 3320 PRINCEABLE LADY 40 (D,S) N Gaselee 4-11-10 A Adams (7)
7 0240 JANE CRAIG 19 S Griffiths 5-11-5 .... —
9 0000 SAB-AN 150 Mrs S Oliver 7-11-4 .... R Hyett
14 0000 POP PICKER 6 M Charles 7-11-2 .... A Jones
15 2340 FRIENDLY FELLOW 20 F Jordan 4-10-12 .... C Smith
17 4034 SILVER STRINGS 35 B Palling 8-10-13 .... C Evans
20 0012 BEAULIEU BAY 9 (V,D,G) K Wingrove 4-10-12 W Worthington
21 0021 ELEGANT BILL 15 (D,S) R Curtis 5-10-11 .. R Goldstein
22 -0P0 WALK IN RHYTHM 17 Mrs A Price 7-10-11 Miss L Wallace (7)
26 0014 WHAT'S A GUINEA 10 (G,S) R Holder 4-10-11 (5ex) N Coleman
28 0004 DIVINE CHARGER 10 Mrs M Rimell 4-10-10 . D Browne
29 04-4 BELS ANGEL 110 R Hollinshead 5-10-10 .... P Dever
31 0000 RIVER GALAXY 12 D Bell 5-10-9 .... M Jenkins
32 P-P0 PATERNOSTER ROW 10 (V) M Eckley 9-10-9 D Tegg (4)
33 0004 RING OF SECRETS 49 T M Jones 6-10-9 .... G McCourt
35 2300 JOHNNY SHARP 10 Miss W Wilton 4-10-9 S Davies (7)
36 0000 STORMGUARD 12 W Clay 5-10-9 .... Diane Clay (7)

BETTING: 15-8 Leading Role, 4-1 Divine Charger, 6-1 Princeable Lady, 8-1 Elegant Bill, 10-1 others.

PERTH

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Timminion. 2.45 Rosskova. 3.15 Laid Back. 3.45 Trusty Friend. 4.15 Brother Geoffrey. 4.45 Green Tops.

Going: good

2.15 BREADALBANE NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £685: 2m) (18)

1 0031 STAYHAR GOLD 22 (D,S) J S Wilson 6-11-5 .... M Dwyer
3 0-P0 BARJIM 105 T Barnes 5-10-12 .... G Martin
4 -000 BRANDON PIER 110 J Edwards 5-10-12 .... T Morgan
5 CHARCOAL 633F T Cunningham 5-10-12 S Cunningham (7)
6 3030 CRASH MARKET 10 R Fisher 6-10-12 .... M Hammond
8 00-0 DEARHAM BRIDGE 12 S Payne 5-10-12 .... D Wilkinson
9 0000 DUBALEA 20 J Haldane 5-10-12 .... N Doughty
10 0-PP GERAGHTY AGAIN 10 (B) B Stevens 5-10-12 R Stronge
15 00 MOLTO RAPIDO 41 D Moffatt 5-10-12 .... K Ryan (4)
16 PF0 MR COFFEY 22 C Parker 5-10-12 .... K Doolan
17 40 NICORIDGE 50 D McCain 6-10-12 .... G Bradley
20 P SANA SONG 15F C Parker 5-10-12 .... M Meagher
22 000 SOUTHERN MINSTREL 9 W A Stephenson 5-10-12 C Grant
23 3400 TEREBINTH 31 J Charlton 5-10-12 .... B Storey
24 02 TIMMINION 12 P Charlton 5-10-12 .... J J Quinn
25 04-0 VICTOR HERBERT 33 R Goldie 6-10-12 .. A Merrigan (4)
26 0000 BONNYBROOK 31 R Fisher 5-10-7 .... R Hodge (7)
27 202F HIGHFRITH 43 G W Richards 5-10-7 .... P Tuck

BETTING: *5-2 Highfrith, 7-2 Stayhar Gold, 4-1 Crash Market*, 5-1 Timminion, 8-1 Nicoridge, 10-1 Victor Herbert.

2.45 CHARLES CAMPBELL HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,366: 2m) (15)

1 1241 ROSSKOVA 10 (D,G,S) J Hanson 8-11-11 (6ex) M Hammond
2 0003 ATKINSONS 9 (CD,F,S) G W Richards 7-11-10 .. P Tuck
4 4300 ALWAYS DANGEROUS 10 (B,D,G) R Woodhouse 6-10-12 R Garritty (7)
5 1P00 SOLDIER OF DESTINY 9 (B,D,G) P Blockley 6-10-10 NON-RUNNER
7 0000 BOREHAM DOWN 12 (CD,G,S) N Bycroft 9-10-8 C Grant
8 0-00 MASTER LAMB 83 (CD,F) J Jefferson 9-10-8 M Dwyer
10 -040 GODOUNOV 20 (D,G) W Storey 5-10-6 .... Fiona Storey
11 0220 GENNARO 154 (D,F,G) P Blockley 8-10-1 .... P Niven
12 20BP SPECIAL SETTLEMENT 16F (CD,S) R Allan 7-10-0 B Storey
14 0412 SOLENT LAD 12 (D,BF,G,S) B Stevens 5-10-0 R Stronge
16 0032 RINGMORE 10 (D,F) J Parkes 6-10-0 .... B Walsh (4)
18 000P BAYTOWN COKE 10 P Blockley 8-10-0 .... W Smith (7)
19 0600 MAJOR ROUGE 3 (B,D,F) J Charlton 6-10-10 P A Farrell (4)
21 0600 CONOR'S ROCK 8 (D,F) Miss A Aitkin 8-10-0 S Selby (7)
22 0004 HABAT'S MELODY 16 Mrs D Cutham 7-10-0 . A Orkney

BETTING: 7-2 Rosskova, 9-2 Solent Lad, 5-1 Atkinsons, 13-2 Gennaro, 15-2 Master Lamb, 9-1 Always Dangerous.

3.15 TOTE CREDIT NOVICES CHASE (£2,745: 3m) (11)

4 BUF2 LAID BACK 17 (G,S) G Moore 7-11-7 .... M Hammond
6 3FP4 RYMA LARA 34 (D,F) G W Richards 7-11-7 ... J Hansen
8 0303 IRISH GUEST 3 P Monteith 7-11-0 .... D Nolan
9 P0/ KASSALA 689 J Parkes 7-11-0 .... T Reed
10 1330 MAGIC MOTION 140 (BF,G) *J Edwards 7-11-0* T Morgan
11 BF00 NIGHT MAGIC 8 W A Stephenson 6-11-0 NON-RUNNER
15 2233 POLAR NOMAD 23 W A Stephenson 7-11-0 .... C Grant
20 0P44 TABRIZ GOLD 8 (F,S) Mrs A Hamilton 9-11-0. B Storey
21 P04 WATERNISH POINT 33 J S Wilson 9-11-0 D Mactaggart (7)
24 4030 FAIR ECHO 17 C Parker 8-10-9 .... K Doolan
25 0P/0- JUMBELLINA 360 Miss Z Green 7-10-9 .... M Meagher

BETTING: 11-8 Polar Nomad, 7-4 Magic Motion, 100-30 Laid Back, 10-1 Fair Echo, 16-1 Irish Guest, 20-1 others.

3.45 BREADALBANE NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £685: 2m) (18)

2 3-1 TRUSTY FRIEND 17 (D,S) J Edwards 6-11-5. T Morgan
3 FP04 LADY WINDMILL 7F (CD,G) B Stevens 5-11-0 R Stronge
5 000 BORDER SPARK 12 G W Richards 5-10-12.... J Hansen
7 0800 CHARLIE DAGG 22 R Goldie 7-10-12 ..... A Merrigan (4)
8 4230 CHEEKY TICO 19 Miss Z Green 8-10-12 J O'Gorman (7)
9 -0F0 DELANNIE 33 J Hanson 6-10-12 .... G Bradley
10 3232 DOUBTLESS 31 C Alexander 6-10-12 .... G Lyons (7)
11 00-0 GRAND CHANCE 34 G W Richards 5-10-12 .... P Tuck
12 4000 HEIR O'MAR 20 C Parker 6-10-12 .... K Doolan
14 0P00 LONGER THAN TIME 10 P Charlton 5-10-12 K Cotter (7)
15 PP MINDER'S MAN 17 R McDonald 6-10-12 .... K Jones
17 0000 SHOWPIN 10 T Barnes 5-10-12 .... G Martin
18 0-00 SNAPPIT 20 D McCain 6-10-12 .... N Doughty
21 -400 THREEPLAND 34 (S) R Fisher 5-10-12 .... C Grant
22 2003 WE'LL MEET AGAIN 16F R Allan 11-10-12 .... B Storey
24 0P4 EFFICIENT 76 Miss M Benson 5-10-7 .... T Reed
25 0344 MEGAN'S MOVE 9 Mrs E Slack 5-10-7 Miss D Slack (7)
26 000 NIGHT FOX 16 P Blockley 6-10-7 .... W Smith (7)

BETTING: 13-8 Trusty Friend, 5-1 Doubtless, 11-2 Cheeky Tico, 7-1 Threepland, 8-1 Megan's Move.

4.15 STRATHEARN HANDICAP CHASE (£1,335: 2m 4f) (12)

1 4033 CENTRE ATTRACTION 8 (D,F,G,S) G W Richards 9-11-12 L O'Hara (7)
2 4243 WISE CRACKER 10 (B,F,G,S) P Blockley 7-11-11 P Niven
4 2102 BROTHER GEOFFREY 31 (CD,BF,G,S) C Thornton 9-11-5 D Wilkinson
5 0242 GOWAN HOUSE 9 (D,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 9-11-5 C Grant
6 23-P CLONSHARAGH 22 (D,F) A Mactaggart 12-10-9 D Mactaggart (7)
7 2404 TROMEROS 8 (C,BF,F,G) Denys Smith 7-10-7 M Dwyer
9 1201 BORLEAFRAS 10 (F,S) D Moffatt 8-10-5 (4ex) K Ryan (4)
10 0420 ADARE 9 (B,F,G,S) T Donnelly 9-10-4 .... J D Doyle
11 012- JACK OF CLUBS 356 (D,G,S) B McLean 8-10-2 B Storey
13 0230 SNOW BLESSED 8 (D,F,G,S) C Alexander 11-10-0 J Gorman (7)
14 1000 MILITARY CROWN 20 (F,G,S) M Avison 11-10-0 R Marley (4)
15 0UP0 SHOOLER PRINCE 8 (D,G,S) F Watson 11-10-0 P White (7)

BETTING: 11-4 Brother Geoffrey, 7-2 Gowan House, 9-2 Borleafras, 6-1 Adare, 7-1 Centre Attraction.

4.45 CAPUTH HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: *£1,100: 2m 4f) (19)*

3 P04- IMPECUNIOSITY 425 (G,S) J S Wilson 6-11-10 D Mactaggart (7)
4 001- COOL RECEPTION 397 (S) J Hanson 7-11-10 A Costello (7)
5 1P00 SOLDIER OF DESTINY 9 (B,G) P Blockley 6-11-8 R Bevan (7)
7 4061 GREEN TOPS 10 (S) M Avison 6-11-6 (6ex) S Swiers (7)
10 U2-0 HASTY IMPORT 8 (D,F) T Robson 9-11-4 Miss R Lock (7)
12 001P POLISH KNIGHT 8 (G) A Brown 6-11-1 NON-RUNNER
15 4230 CHEEKY TICO 19 Miss Z Green 8-10-12 NON-RUNNER
16 2310 SILLY BEGGAR 10 (G) Denys Smith 5-10-12 P Johnson (7)
19 300B ARCTIC RYMES 10 Miss J Eaton 5-10-9 Miss L Eaton (7)
23 0P00 PRINCE OBERON 136 R Allen 7-10-8 .... N Kelleher (7)
25 0004 OF THAT ILK 12 (C-D,G) Mrs J Weir 8-10-7 M Armytage (7)
26 00/0 THELMAS SECRET 3 (D,G,S) T Barnes 11-10-7 T Morrison (7)
29 0000 RISK ANOTHER 9 Mrs W Tullie 5-10-7 .... —
30 4P40 LADY MANELLO 16 Mrs A Hamilton 5-10-7 Mrs V Jackson
32 0-PP SANDMOOR PRINCE 33 A McPherson 5-10-7 A McPherson (7)
34 0000 COOL REBEL 3 Miss M Bell 4-10-7 .... C Semple (4)
35 FP00 SOFT CENTRE 10 R Johnson 8-10-7 .... K Johnson (7)
36 00P0 CROMACH 22 Miss H Hamilton 6-10-8 .... A Parker (7)
37 0003 MAGIC ECHO 10 S Payne 6-10-7 .... Mrs J Thurlow (7)

BETTING: 4-1 Silly Beggar, 5-1 Cool Reception, 11-2 Green *Tops, 7-1 Polish Knight, 15-2 Arctic Rymes.*

Course specialists

TRAINERS: T Cunningham, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%; G *Richards, 19 from 59, 32.2%; R McDonald, 3 from 11, 27.3%;* J Edwards, 4 from 15, 26.7%; W A Stephenson, 12 from 48, 25.0%; D Moffatt, 3 from 12, 25.0%.

JOCKEYS: M Dwyer, 6 winners from 15 rides, 40.0%; P Tuck, 14 from 46, 30.4%, *N Doughty, 9 from 36, 25.0%;* M Hammond, 6 *from 28, 21.4%; C Grant, 14 from 70, 20.0%;* B Storey, 8 from 53, 15.1%.

Newmarket results

Going: good

2.0 (6f) 1, SLEEPY MOUNTAIN (Pat Eddery, 11-10 fav); 2, Empire Joy (C Asmussen, 15-1); 3, Israr (R Hills, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Sierra Snow (5th), 10 Malunar (4th), 12 Oriental Charm (6th), 16 Groombridge, 20 La Fonda, 33 Sicilian Swing, Agate. *10 ran.* ½l, 4l, 1½l, 1l, 6l. B Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £5.10, £1.60. DF: £22.80. CSF: £19.66. 1min *14.65sec.*

2.35 (1m) 1, ALQUOZ (Pat Eddery, Evens fav); 2, Lazaz (G Starkey, 33-1); 3, Postamovo (M Rimmer, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Crossed Swords (4th), 10 Taftazani, 14 Razeen (6th), Reflect (5th), 16 Crown Seal, Turkish Tourist, 25 Courageous Bidder, Sundaysport Scoop, 33 Denehurst, Macaroni Bay, Mel's Rose, Mountain Shadow, Usurper, Fluorescent Star, Nar. 18 ran. sh hd, 1½l, 1½l, ½l, 2l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £5.30, £18.90. DF: £26.80. CSF: £47.50. 1min 41.17sec. After a stewards inquiry the result remained unaltered.

3.5 (7f) 1, LAPIERRE (M Roberts, 10-1); 2, Charmer (W Carson, 8-2); 3, Heroes Sash (R Cochrane, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Al Mufti (5th), 9-2 Sea Symphony, 10 Oalsworth, 14 Poseda (4th), Young Hal (6th), 33 Lust For Power. 9 ran. 1l, 1½l, 2½l, nk, 1½l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £6.70; £1.40, £2.20, £2.70. DF: £13.50. CSF: £47.27. Tricast: £306.16. 1min 27.61sec.

3.40 (1m 6f) 1, PRIVATE AUDITION (G Carter, 13-2); 2, Faliq (Pat Eddery, 4-1); 3, Shimshek (C Asmussen, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Past Glories (4th), 6 Khata King (6th), 11 Trapeze Artist, 12 Sudden Victory (5th), 16 Ebolito, 20 All Is Revealed, 25 Trojan War, 33 Halcanor. 11 ran. 3l, 1l, 5l, 1l, 2½l. M Tompkins at Newmarket. Tote: £9.70; £2.30, £1.90, £2.60. DF: £28.20. CSF: £28.81. Tricast: £247.44. 3min 03.85sec.

4.10 (1m 1f) 1, MEDIA STARGUEST (R Cochrane, 7-4 fav); 2, Bengal Fire (M Roberts, 33-1); 3, Shady Heights (W Carson, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Scarlet Blade, 8 Ten No Trumps, 8 Prince Rupert, 14 Amerigo Vespucci, Vague Shot (5th), 20 Patnach (6th), 25 Bin Shaddad, Cry For The Clown (4th). 11 ran. 2½l, ¾l, nk, 2l, ½l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £2.50; £1.30, £3.60, £1.40. DF: £37.40. CSF: £47.35. 1min 51.90sec.

4.40 (5f) 1, DESERT DAWN (R Hills, 5-1); 2, Wasimah (Pat Eddery, 6-5 fav); 3, Shine Again (M Hills, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Flowery (4th), 14 Our Music, Birmingham's Pride (6th), 20 Oriental Splendour, 25 Ipo (5th). 8 ran. 2½l, hd, ½l, nk, hd. John FitzGerald at Newmarket. Tote: £5.30; £1.60, £1.30, £2.60. DF: £4.60. CSF: £10.60. 1min 02.69sec.

Jackpot: £2,047.30 (0.1 winning tickets). Pool of £2,480.03 carried forward to Newmarket today. Placepot: £28.80.

Ascot

Going: good to firm

2.0 (2m 4f hdle) 1, French Goblin (R Rowe, 14-1); 2, Parlezvousfrancais (P Scudamore, 7-2); 3, Le Carotte (Peter Hobbs, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 10-11 fav Prime Oats (pu), 12 Piracy (6th), 14 Butt And Ben, 25 Men Of Yorkshire, 33 Run For Free, Vicars Landing (pu), 40 Proud Sikh (pu), 66 Bold In Combat, French Habit, Marchesi, Mister Hattony (4th), San Ovac (pu), Country Diary (pu), Berty's Joke (5th), Little Timing. 18 ran. NR: Abbey Brave, The Lords Taverner. 4l, 15l, 2½l, 3l, 12l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £12.20; £2.50 £1 60 £2.00 DF: £17.60. CSF: £59.63.

2.30 (3m ch) 1, DIRECT APPROACH (R Rowe, 5-1); 2, Cheeky Rupert (R Beggan, 7-2 fav); 3, Vick The Busker (G McCourt, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Frenchmans Fancy (pu), 8 Swirl Home (5th), 10 Air Broker (ur), *Corn Merchant, Devil's Arrow* (pu), 14 Roving Glen (pu), 20 Ah Hello (f), 25 Alsiri, *Jezazi* (6th), 33 Gloiming (pu), Green Ridge, *Prince Vidar* (pu), Marita Ann (pu). 16 ran. NR: Chief Buckaneer. 8l, 25l, 15l, 8l, 1½l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £3.60; £1.70, £2.00, £2.40. DF: £7.10. CSF: £23.14.

3.5 (2m 4f ch) 1, BALLYHANE (R Rowe, 11-2); 2, Royal Stag (H Davies, 4-1); 3, Highway Express (S Earle, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Beau Derek (pu), 4 Kescast, 11-2 Kelly's Boy (5th). 6 ran. 10l, 12l, 5l, dist. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £4.90; £2.10, £2.10. DF: £7.30. CSF: £24.44.

3.35 (2m hdle) 1, FRED THE TREAD (R Dunwoody, 20-1); 2, Zaiko (M Perrett, 12-1); 3, Convinced (P Scudamore, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Fuego Boy, Prasina Matia (4th), 17-2 Little Toro, 9 Domerc (6th), 10 The A Train (pu), 14 Meningi (pu), 20 Andrea Dawn, Spring Flight (5th). 11 ran. NR: Regal Castle. 1l, 1l, 3l, 7l, 2l. T Casey at Adstone. Tote: £17.90; £3.20, £4.30, £2.00. DF: £177.10. CSF: £211.67. Tricast: £937.13.

4.5 (3m hdle) 1, SHAH'S CHOICE (B Powell, 13-2); 2, Noble Viking (P Scudamore, 10-1); 3, Chemist Broker (I Shoemark, 5-1 fav). ALSO: 11-2 High Renown (pu), 6 Kamrise (pu), 7 Molojec, 15-2 Ranelagh (5th), 12 Fingest (4th), Gallant Buck (pu), 14 Prince Klenk (pu), 20 Boschendal (6th), 50 Another Troup, 66 *Mariners Dream* (pu). 13 ran. 3l, 6l, 20l, 6l, 20l. C Popham at Taunton. Tote: £7.50; £3.00, £2.20, £1.80. DF: £100.70. CSF: £65.14. Tricast: £324.58.

4.40 (2m 4f ch) 1, I GOT STUNG (Mr M Armytage, 6-4); 2, Valeso (Mr C Gordon, 12-1); 3, Gentle Approach (Mr A Sansome, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Certain Light (ur), 7 Drive On Jimmy (4th), 33 Henry Kissinger (5th), 66 Kerry Jack (6th), Ribot Star, Water Rock (pu). 9 ran. NR: Roodle Doodle. 12l, hd, ½l, 15l, ¾l. J Delahooke at Buckingham. Tote: £2.70; £1.30, £1.90, £1.30. DF: £11.20. CSF: £18.35.

5.15 (2m flat) 1, ROUGH JEWEL (Mr A Knight, 33-1); 2, Dis Train (J Leech, 2-1 fav); 3, Arctic Teal (Mr D Benneyworth, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 6 Ixor, 8 Fathom It Out (4th), 9 Roches Roost, 10 Cythere (6th), 14 Kelly's Insurance, 16 Runcible, 20 Cock A Leekie, King's Seat, Sparkling Halo, 25 Dandy Minstrel, Naughty Nicky, Northdown Lad, 33 In Order (5th), Jay Jay's Voyage, Jimmy Cone, Star Lane, Sharlinda, Sweet Sage, Home On Sunday, Dancing Bliss, Sherborne Lady, Stone Madness, Tipton Times. 26 ran. NR: Bruton Street, Glamis, Waking Up, Granyte Palace. 4l, 4l, 3l, 5l, hd. S Dow at Guildford. Tote: £77.10; £13.60, £1.70, £2.60. DF: £199.10. CSF: £106.38.

Placepot: £259.00

Ripon

Going: good

2.0 (1m) 1, Causley (M Lynch, 5-4 fav); 2, Gorky Park (4-1); 3, Sabdabeani (11-1). 11 ran. NR: Heartsease. 3l, 5l. B McMahon. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £1.50, £2.90. DF: £3.90. CSF: £8.11. Winner bought in for 7,600gns.

2.30 (6f) 1, Runaway (P Burke, 10-1); 2, Olympic Challenger (13-2); 3, Mandrake Madam (16-1); 4, Beaurepaire Boy (5-1 fav). 23 ran. NR: Rokar Roar. ¾l, sh hd. C Tinkler. Tote: £10.40; £4.10, £1.40, £7.80, £1 70. DF: £24.40. CSF: £82.53. Tricast: £1,009.66.

3.0 (1m) 1, Crackle Moor (D Nicholls, 7-4 fav); 2, Silver's Girl (8-1); 3, Yorkshire Princess (5-1). 12 ran. sh hd, 1½. M W Easterby. Tote: £3.30; £1.60, £2.50, £2.00. DF: £19.10. CSF: £18.41. No bid.

3.30 (1m 4f) 1, Pathero (P Burke, 10-1); 2, Beau Benz (5-1); 3, Silk Thread (7-2 fav); 4, Taylormade Boy (14-1). 20 ran. 2½l, 5l. N Bycroft. Tote: £16.00; £2.90, £1.50, £1.50, £1.40, £3.30. DF: £27.10. CSF: £59.27. *Tricast:* £799.78.

4.0 (1m) 1, Thomas Leng (M Wigham, 5-1 jt-fav); 2, Gilded Youth (12-1); 3, Genair (13-2); 4, Good Medicine (8-1). Boltin Patrick 5-1 jt-fav. 20 ran. 3l, ¾l. M Brittain. Tote: £4.40; £1.60, £4.30, £1.70, £2.00. DF: £57.50. CSF: £68.58. Tricast: £380.71

4.30 (5f) 1, Jump Dyke (G Duffield, 100-30 fav); 2, Marching Star (8-1); 3, Squirsky (5-1). 13 ran. NR: Tenderline. 5l, nk. C *Tinkler.* Tote: £4.60; £1.40, £2.80, £2.10. DF: £21.40. CSF: £35.40.

5.0 (1m 1f) 1, Bilded (W Newnes, 9-1); 2, Rambo Dancer (4-5 fav); 3, Dalgan (5-1). 19 ran. NR: Waverley Boy, Off The Record. nk, 1½l. H Candy. Tote: £6.40; £1.80, £2.30, £1.10. DF: £10.60. CSF: £15.76.

5.30 (5f) 1, Command Bid (M Birch, 5-1); 2, Blue Bell Music (7-4 jt-fav); 3, Kafu Lady (7-4 jt-fav). 13 ran. NR: Belle Express. 1½l, 1½l. M H Easterby. Tote: £4.50; £1.10, £1.70, £1.50. DF: £6.30. CSF: £16.19.

Placepot: £15.90

Perth

Going: good

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, Flaming Pearl (M Stevens, 8-1); 2, Maw Broon (6-1); 3, Night Visitor (3-1 fav). 14 ran. NR: Misty Mirage. 2½l, 3l. B Stevens. Tote: £8.60; £2.20, £2.10, £1.40. DF: £60.30. CSF: £56.54. Tricast: £167.04.

2.45 (2m ch) 1, Baluchi (Mr Bevan, 6-4 fav); 2, Tactico (4-1); 3, Queens Palace (20-1). *6 ran.* 3l, dist. B Preece. Tote: £2.30; £1.50, £1.80. DF: £3.90. CSF: £7.34.

3.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, Harley (G Lyons, 6-4); 2, Brooded Spar (20-1); 3, Four Trix (11-8 fav). 9 ran. 7l, 2l. Miss J Eaton. Tote: £2.70; £1.50, £5.00, £1.60. *DF:* £89.20. *CSF:* 27.37.

3.45 (2m hdle) 1, River Bed (T Morgan, 11-8 fav); 2, Market Spirit (11-1); 3, Hallcross (11-2). 7 ran. NR: Lottie's Fury, Bobbie Stack. 7l, 6l. J Edwards. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £2.20. DF: £6.20. CSF: £14.25.

4.15 (3m ch) 1, Royal Reply (T Reed, 2-1); 2, Newstead (3-1); 3, Adare (Evens fav). 3 ran. 10l, 8l. W Reed. Tote: £2.90. DF: £2.10. CSF: £6.35.

4.45 (3m hdle) 1, Bishopdale (C Grant, 13-8 fav); 2, Kristenson (9-2); 3, Doughty Revel (4-1). 5 ran. NR: Forest Ranger. 2l, 7l. W A Stephenson. Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £1.90. DF: £6.30. CSF: £8.75.

Placepot: £32.40.

● Michael Hammond has withdrawn his appeal against the two-day suspension given to him by the Liverpool stewards last week for unnecessary use of the whip. The ban has cost him the ride on Hardy Lad in Saturday's William Hill Scottish National. The appeal was due to be heard by the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee today.

CRICKET: CARIBBEAN DOMINANCE SHOWS SIGNS OF CAPITULATING AS A CONFIDENT PAKISTAN TEAM PONDERS AN HISTORIC VICTORY

West Indies look to Richards in a time of need

From Richard Streeton, Port of Spain

West Indies look to the return of Richards and Marshall to restore both form and a belief in themselves when the second Cable and Wireless Test match against Pakistan starts here today. It is many years since a West Indies team at home were so comprehensively outplayed as they were in the first Test match at Georgetown.

Inevitably, the entire cricket world will be wondering whether a long period of dominance is about to end, with West Indies possibly losing a series in the Caribbean for the first time since 1972-73. Ian Chappell's Australians were the winners then, by 2-0 with three draws, against Rohan Kanhai and a West Indies team, who lacked Gary Sobers for the first time in two decades.

Compared with Guyana earlier this month, West Indies will be much stronger today. It is still asking a great deal of Richards and Marshall, however, to rise to a challenge that is as stiff as any they have faced in their careers. Richards has practised hard this week but he has not played a match since his abscess operation on March 13. Whether he makes runs or not, West Indies will benefit from having their regular captain back at the helm.

Marshall remains noncommittal about his fitness and this game might decide whether an operation is necessary for a bone growth on the knee. Marshall was declared fit to play in the final one-day international two weeks ago but the knee swelled up again from the jarring it suffered on the hard Bourda Ground.

Simmons and Benjamin are expected to be the players omitted to make way for Richards and Marshall. Should Marshall not play, it is possible that Gray on his home ground might be chosen ahead of Benjamin.

With the West Indies team to tour England due to be chosen at the weekend — though not announced immediately — it is interesting that Marshall represents the nearest thing to a genuine all-rounder in Caribbean cricket.

Test teams

WEST INDIES (from): D L Haynes, G C Greenidge, R B Richardson, *I V A Richards, A L Logie, C L Hooper, †P J L Dujon or †D Williams, M D Marshall, C A Walsh, E L C Ambrose, B P Patterson.
PAKISTAN (probable): Mudassar Nazar, Ramiz Raja, Shoaib Mohammad, Javed Miandad, Salim Malik, Ijaz Ahmed, *Imran Khan, †Salim Yousuf, Ijaz Faqih, Abdul Qadir, Wasim Akram.

The tour selectors have resigned themselves to settling on seven batsmen, seven bowlers and two wicketkeepers for the 16-strong party for England. Simmons, who has had two seasons in the Bolton League, and Arthurton who took such a brilliant hundred off the Pakistanis in St Lucia, are vying for the seventh batting place.

A Test match in Port of Spain is always a special occasion. Over the years, the Queen's Park Oval has seen larger crowds and more clear-cut victories than any other West Indian ground. In addition the Northern Range provides a scenic background that rivals Adelaide, Cape Town, and Kandy, as the loveliest in international cricket. The pitch, though, has not helped spinners as much as it used to do since it was relaid in 1980.

Local opinion is that there will be early assistance for the fast bowlers, but that the pitch could become more docile as the game progresses. Imran Khan must be at his best again if Pakistan are to achieve an early breakthrough and Abdul Qadir could play a decisive role later. Imran went carefully at practice yesterday because of a slight groin niggle but it is not considered serious.

Pakistan might gamble on the fitness of Wasim Akram to support Imran as the obvious replacement, Saleem Jaffer, has a slight bout of shingles. West Indies have summoned the Trinidad wicketkeeper, David Williams, to join their squad as Dujon is still in pain from a cracked finger. If Dujon cannot play, his absence would leave the West Indies tail even longer than it is.

It is extraordinary how pessimistic the Georgetown defeat has left the ordinary West Indian that one meets. Some of this mood, I suspect, has permeated the West Indies camp and Pakistan have to start favourites to achieve what would be an historic victory.

● **CASTRIES:** Pakistan scored a decisive 211-run victory against West Indies under-23 XI here in St Lucia yesterday. Abdul Qadir, who went through his repertoire, took six for 42 as the young West Indians were dismissed for 159 in their second innings.

PAKISTANIS: First Innings: 447 (Ramiz Raja 82, Ijaz Ahmed 84, Wasim Akram 56 not out)

Second Innings

Ramiz Raja lbw b Perry	65
Shoaib Mohammad b Bishop	4
Salim Malik lbw b Bishop	2
†Aamer Malik lbw b Browne	0
Ijaz Ahmed c Murray b Browne	5
Ijaz Faqih b Bishop	10
Wasim Akram c Browne b Dhanraj	16
Adbul Qadir c Lara b Dhanraj	4
*Mudassar Nazar lbw b Perry	7
Hafiz Shahid c Bishop b Perry	37
Zakir Khan not out	11
Extras (b 1, lb 8, nb 3)	12
Total	173

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-11, 3-12, 4-30, 5-49, 6-92, 7-103, 8-113, 9-134.
BOWLING: Bishop 18-5-52-3; Browne 13-1-39-2; Perry 15.5-3-51-3; Dhanraj 12-2-18-2; Arthurton 3-2-4-0.
WEST INDIES UNDER-23 XI: First Innings 250 (K L T Arthurton 124, J C Adams 51 not out).

Second Innings

D S Morgan b Qadir	45
S Dhanram b Akram	15
R Holder c and b Qadir	25
K L T Arthurton c Rameez b Qadir	4
*B C Lara lbw b Zakir	11
J C Adams b Qadir	5
†J R Murray lbw b Zakir	0
N O Perry lbw b Qadir	0
I Bishop not out	0
R Dhanraj lbw b Zakir	0
B Browne lbw b Qadir	19
Extras (b 10, lb 19, w 2, nb 4)	35
Total	159

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-99, 3-105, 4-114, 5-137, 6-138, 7-138, 8-138, 9-138.
BOWLING: Akram 10-1-31-1; Hafiz 6-0-33-0; Zakir 11-1-24-3; Qadir 15.3-5-42-6; Faqih 1-1-0-0.
Umpires: G T Brown and M Hippolyte.

SACU takes succour from cricketers' vote

By Ivo Tennant

The South African Cricket Union (SACU) was delighted yesterday that the Cricketers' Association had no dissenters to its opposition to any interference in its members continuing to play and coach in South Africa.

At the Cricketers' Association meeting on Tuesday, the vote was carried by 85 to nil, with three abstentions.

"We are very pleased that they have taken such a tough line, since about 60 County cricketers come here each year," Dr Ali Bacher, managing director of the SACU, said. "In our isolation, we need help in the townships, and more players here who can upgrade standards.

"The right of the sportsman to sell his wares in the market should be sacrosanct. As township cricket gains in importance throughout South Africa, so coaching from English players becomes more vital to us and race relations improve.

A delegation from the SACU, including Dr Bacher, will come to England at the end of June to lobby International Cricket Conference (ICC) member countries before its meeting in July. A proposal is to be put at the ICC meeting seeking to exclude players with South African links from Test Cricket.

Twin view: after 50 years Alec (left) and Eric Bedser are still in love with the game (Photograph: Bryn Colton)

Bedsers reach a joint milestone

It was a warm, soft, spring morning and the charabancs cruised out of London packed with Easter day-trippers. Unnoticed and unheralded two fresh-faced lads from Woking passed through the crowds and headed into the capital towards the mighty Hobbs Gates at the Oval.

A nod to the gateman, a quickening of the stride, and through the hallowed portals they went, into the dressing-rooms of Surrey County Cricket Club. So 50 years ago today, began the distinguished careers of the Bedser twins, Alec and Eric.

Much has changed in the world since that day, a day on which Wolverhampton Wanderers beat Leicester 10-1 in the first division, Franco stormed through Catalonia and the smell of war hung heavily in the air. Age has changed little in the characters, attitudes and even the appearances of the brothers. They are still the same thick-set, broad-shouldered, rugged men of yore, who were renowned for their direct, no-nonsense approach to life as well as to the game of cricket. Good manners, good habits, and no pretence have always been their mottoes.

Such values stood them in excellent stead during playing careers which spanned the 1950s when Surrey won seven consecutive championships, and extended into the early 1960s. Alec became the more celebrated of the pair by dint of his Test bowling feats, which included a world record of 236 wickets in 51 Test matches, and his later elevation to the chairmanship of England's selectors for an unprecedented 13 years until 1981.

Alec (left) and Eric in their playing days

Eric also gave valiant and worthy service to the game, being Surrey's most accomplished all-rounder since Percy Fender, taking 797 wickets (average 24.88) and scoring 14,148 runs (average 23.93). That Alec should have become such a prolific wicket-taker, an opponent whom Bradman rated as one of the most difficult, was beyond the boy's wildest dreams.

That Eric was not challenging him as an opening bowler was due entirely to chance. Eric recalls: "We knew how many seamers Surrey had on their books, so we thought we'd stand a better chance if one of us took to spin. We tossed a coin, I lost, and became the off spinner." Wistfully he admits that things might have been different if he'd stuck to his style, the late outswinger, a sharp contrast to Alec's wicket-taking ball, the vicious leg cutter.

But there never has been any hint of rancour or jealousy between the two. "As boys we depended on each other for our cricket practice, so if we fell out there was no cricket. If ever there were a deterrent to squabbling that was it," Alec says.

Their origins were humble. Their father was a bricklayer (who in 1953 built the family house in Woking where they both still live with their mother) and they left school at 14 to work in a solicitor's office. If the Surrey coach, Allan Peach, had not been running an indoor school in Woking it is unlikely that the twins would ever have presented themselves at the Oval, such was their diffidence.

Peach saw their promise. "I just remember being so awed by it all," Alec says. "Yet everyone was so kind to us. We were paid £2 a week plus a match fee. It was play or no pay which certainly made you go out there and practise. There's talk these days of pressure but then, there was no safety net at all. Most of the professionals were working class lads so you knew that if it didn't work out you were back to the building site."

Both of them are cautious about wallowing in nostalgia. For them the old days were better, if only because today's player, for whatever reasons, does not seem to derive the same pleasure from the game. Given their deep sense of propriety they naturally deplore bad behaviour, whatever excuses may be offered. Playing standards have declined, they feel, particularly among bowlers. The praise of their contemporaries is rattled off. "Statham, Tyson, Trueman, Laker ... all great bowlers."

It seems they are reluctant to carp too much because it is a game they still love and cherish. Cuttings, portraits, statues and all manner of memorabilia adorn the family home, all stirring warm memories of careers which will be commemorated in a special luncheon at the Oval tomorrow.

Mick Cleary

TENNIS

McEnroe decides on a year of effort

From Barry Wood
Tokyo

John McEnroe has decided to commit himself to a further 12 months in tennis before reviewing his position in the game.

Speaking after his second round match against Greg Holmes in the Suntory Japan Open had been washed-out yesterday, the former world No. 1 expressed his renewed dedication to a career that has brought him both enormous success and mental anguish.

"I came to the conclusion recently that I have a lot to gain by coming back and a lot of positive things could happen even if I didn't get back to where I have been in the past," he said. "I know there will be days when I'll wonder if it's worth it, especially when I start losing matches, and that will be the real challenge over the next few months.

"But there are days when I really feel excited about it, and the more days I feel that way the more they will push me to make a bigger effort."

During the troubled times of his last attempted comeback, thoughts of giving up entered his mind. But he never seriously considered them. "Those thoughts do cross your mind, but deep down I don't think I'm a quitter," he said. "I feel that if things start falling into place then I'll actually start getting back to where I think I can be."

And, that is, if not quite to the top, then certainly a solid place in the top 10. But it will take sacrifices and dedication. He has spent months in the company of his former doubles partner, Peter Fleming, working on his physical fitness — running up mountains, lifting weights and so on — but appreciates that the heat of battle will present another challenge entirely.

"It's easy when you're working out at home. The pressure is not the same, and I'm going to have to give up some things now, like spending time with my family or being in one place for any length of time. But I feel I have something left to give and I'd be cheating myself if I didn't give it that shot."

If, however, things are not progressing as he would like, the sport may lose one of its most charismatic figures. "If within a year things are not moving in a positive direction, not necessarily reaching No. 1 or No. 2, then it will be a good time to re-evaluate," he said.

"There are too many things in other walks of life that make me happy and it's counter-productive for everyone — and most of all myself — to go out there and not enjoy it. A year is sufficient for me to know."

Lalonde defence

Trinidad (Reuter) — Donny Lalonde, the Canadian World Boxing Council light-heavyweight champion, will defend his title against Leslie "Tiger" Stewart, of Trinidad, here on May 29.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
Fourth division
Halifax v Leyton Orient

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Distillery v Newry.
CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Grimsby v Bradford; Huddersfield v Derby (7.30); Nottingham Forest v Sheffield Wednesday; Sheffield United v Everton (7.30). Second division: Scunthorpe v Mansfield.
SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Charlton v West Ham (2.0).
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Leyton-Wingate v Kingstonian; Tooting and Mitcham v Carshalton. First division: Wembley v Chesham.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: President's Cup: First round: South Liverpool v Southport.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Worcester v Bedworth.
LONDON SENIOR CUP: Semi-final replay: Hampton v Bromley.
FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final, first-leg: Doncaster v Tottenham (7.0).
SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: Final, first leg: Luton v Queen's Park Rangers.

RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Richmond v Saracens (6.15).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Springfield v Whitehaven (8.0).

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: Tournament: Cafe Royal, London.
CRICKET: Cambridge University v Middlesex (at Fenner's, 11.0).
SKIING: British alpine championships (at Alpe d'Huez).
SQUASH RACKETS: Hi-Tec British open championship: Qualifying (at Wembley).
TENNIS: Junior Wimbledon.

SPORT ON TV

DARTS: BBC2 4.25 p.m.: Haywards Pickles British youth championship: Quarter-final highlights from Frimley Green.
RACING: C4 2.30 p.m.: 2.35, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races from Newmarket.

SHOOTING

Tucker on target as sun shines

The sun shone on Sydney's Maroubra rifle range yesterday and so did Andrew Tucker, with every shot firmly in the bull's-eye, as the Great Britain rifle team kept its unbeaten record by winning the Arthur Phillip match for overseas teams of five (our Rifle Shooting Correspondent writes).

Tucker, aged 50, who is on his seventeenth overseas tour, put 15 shots into the bull at 300 metres, then 10 more at 800 metres for 125, the highest possible score. All five of the team made the highest possible at 300 metres and although Tucker was the only one to repeat the performance, both Paul Kent and John Warburton scored 124 out of 125, Charles Cunningham 123 and Andy Chown, 122.

The tourists have not yet faced the Australians but will do so today in the Australia match.

RESULTS: Arthur Phillip Match: 1, GB, 618/60; 2, Channel Islands, 610/54; 3, New Zealand, 610/44; 4, Canada, 609/50; 5, US, 597/33; 6, Wales, 593/53; 7, Kenya, 592/42.

AUSTRALIA MATCH TEAM: J Thompson, M Pattinson, A Chown, P Kent, A Tucker, J Warburton, C Cunningham, P Bromley, J Bellringer, D Richards. Coaches: D Painting and A Clarke.

RACKETS

Complex in Spain will feature rackets court

By William Stephens

A real tennis and rackets court is to be constructed in southern Spain as part of a luxurious country club and property development.

Although real tennis flourished in Spain, as it did throughout Europe, from the 13th to the 18th centuries under royal patronage, the only rackets court on the Iberian peninsula is that in Gibraltar, which is still in play.

The complex, Andalucia Hill, will be built on a 10-acre hilltop site next to Puerto Banus, near Marbella, and will comprise 361 penthouses, studios, two- and three-bedroomed apartments and conferences rooms as well as facilities for real tennis, rackets, lawn tennis, squash rackets, badminton, swimming, golf, bowls, horse-riding, pistol-shooting and physical fitness.

The project has been masterminded and financed by Jimmy Tildesley, who moved to Spain after the sale of his successful West Midlands engineering firm.

Tildesley was Public Schools rackets singles champion in 1954 when at Rugby, and represented Oxford in the University match for three years — during one of which his partner was Peter Palumbo, now a well-known property developer.

In the 1959 amateur rackets singles championship final Tildesley had match point in the third game against the holder, John Thompson, but lost. The next year he won the amateur doubles championship with Charles Swallow. Tildesley also represented England at squash rackets on three occasions in 1959.

Of his new project in Spain, Tildesley says: "No expense is being spared to create the most exciting and prestigious rackets and leisure facilities in the world."

Colin Cowdrey, who won the Noel Bruce Cup public schools old boys' rackets championship with John Thompson for Tonbridge three times, commends "the far-sightedness and dedication to excellence. For rackets is one of the most exciting games in the world and deserves a wider following."

Lord Aberdare, president of the Tennis and Rackets Association, says: "Very rarely are new courses built for real tennis or rackets, even more rarely for both. Yet, without doubt, they are magnificent games for old and young alike."

RUGBY LEAGUE

British teams to stage exhibition game in US

By Keith Macklin

Wigan and Warrington, the two leading British teams, will play an exhibition match in Milwaukee at the end of next season as the Rugby League attempts to establish a bridgehead in the United States. The event is the brainchild of Mike Mayer, the president of the United States Rugby League, who has been in England for several months.

Mayer, of Wisconsin, a former American football player, has been campaigning in America for nearly 14 years, but his efforts to get the 13-a-side code established have faltered because of lack of major sponsorship.

Now he has reached agreement with a stadium in Milwaukee and with the two English clubs. Wigan and Warrington have been asked to put up a £50,000 guarantee to help cover launch expenses, with the hope that if the exhibition match is a success they will recoup the money and more.

Ronnie Close, the Warrington secretary, said yesterday: "Leeds were asked to be Wigan's opponents, but they declined. The £50,000 could have been a stumbling block but the brewery Greenall Whitley have agreed to sponsor us." Wigan confirmed that the arrangements for the game were being made, but the chairman, Maurice Lindsay, said that there would be no comment from Central Park until after the Challenge Cup Final at Wembley on April 30.

A date of May 27, 1989, has been pencilled in, but final details will take some time to work out.

Widnes, the Stones Bitter champions, have made another approach to Alan Tait, the Kelso and Scotland centre and have invited him to be a guest at their first round premiership tie on April 24.

Shaun Edwards, the Wigan half back, and Lee Crooks, the Leeds forward, are struggling to prove their fitness for the Australasian tour. Crooks is troubled by a shoulder injury and time is running out for him. Edwards has a better chance, and hopes to test out his torn hamstring in the final home League game against Hunslet at Central Park on Sunday.

Graham Lowe, the Wigan coach, said that if Edwards comes through training sessions with no adverse reaction he will be named as a substitute.

YACHTING

Crewsearch response prompts extra trial

By Barry Pickthall

Sixty-two aspiring sailors, all keen to break into the big time, will be put through their paces in the company of Rodney Pattison, the triple Olympic medal winner, at Torquay this weekend in the first of 10 regional Crewsearch trials to find the next generation of yachtsmen to keep Britain in the forefront of offshore and ocean racing.

Places on the scheme, sponsored jointly by *The Times* and James Capel, the global investment house, have been much sort after, attracting more than 1,500 applicants for the 700 places.

Indeed, the sheer pressure of numbers has prompted the Royal Yachting Association and the Royal Ocean Racing Club, whose national coach, Bill Edgerton, is co-ordinating Crewsearch, to combine the Irish and Scottish trials, and organize a sixth event in the South, at Brighton in June.

"The high standard of applicants has certainly surprised us," Edgerton said yesterday. "The numbers, too, particularly from the South, have been overwhelming, and this extra event will allow us to test out a greater number of potential British team members for future Southern Cross, Admiral's and Kenwood Cup events."

THE TIMES James Capel CREWSEARCH

The Irish and Scottish Crewsearch trials will now be combined at the Largs event at the end of this month, where the former Olympic and America's Cup sailor, Mike McIntyre, will be testing 60 or more potential crew.

The new event will take place under the auspices of the Brighton YC at Brighton Marina over the weekend of June 25 and 26, and the RYA expects to send out invitations next week to those crews who applied for the heavily oversubscribed trials at Torbay, the Solent and Burnham-on-Crouch.

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FISHING

Time for anglers to rise to the bait

By Conrad Voss Bark

Now is the time to look into our fly boxes, tie some more flies to fill the gaps, take our rods out from the cupboard, polish them up a bit, and consider the possibility of going down to the river.

It is hard luck on fishermen in towns at this time of the year, huddled over their desks, attached to telephones while at the back of their minds is the knowledge that the weather is changing, there is a feeling of spring about, and they may well be missing the first hatch.

Somewhere or other, possibly along the banks of the Hampshire Avon, the grannom will be coming up. I once saw bankside bushes at Somerley so full of grannom that every branch seemed to be on the move with fly.

In Wales about now, one might expect a flurry of March Browns, which on the Usk should always be fished dry with some of the splendid patterns tied by Jean Williams, of Usk town. Above all, certainly on most rivers almost everywhere, this is the time when the large dark olive should be moving.

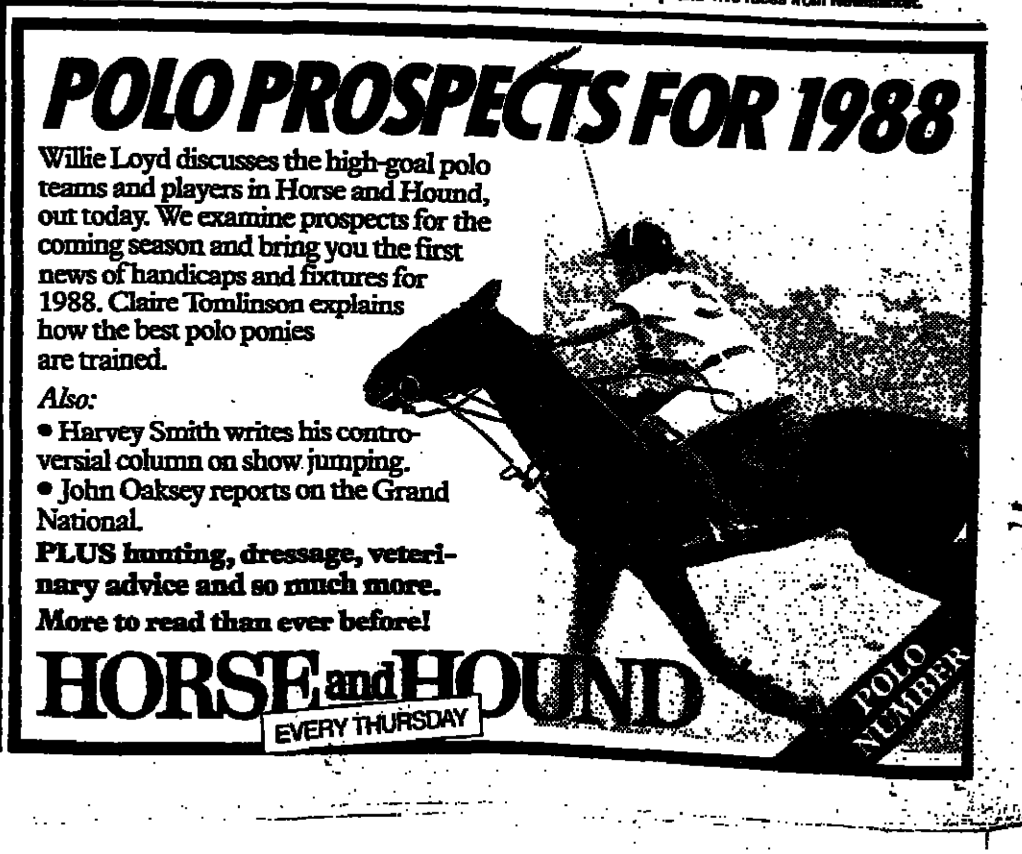
There must be at least 20 patterns of artificial flies that have been tied to represent the large dark olive *(Baetis Rhodani)* ranging from the Greenwell to Kite's Imperial to Charles Cotton's Blue Dun to the Devon pattern of the Blue Upright, and heaven knows how many more. All will take fish sometime, though by no means will they take fish all of the time, which makes choice of fly somewhat interesting.

I know a man who, when the large olives are up, always fishes the Pheasant Tail, and another the Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear, and they refuse to fish anything different, while at the same time a third man, following the advice of Dermot Wilson, will persist with a Beacon Beige. All take fish almost as regular as clockwork.

But what is one to make of the fact that trout take all these vastly different artificial flies when only one kind of natural fly is coming off the water? There are three possibilities.

One is that all 20 artificials all look like the large dark olive. The second is that it is not the pattern of the artificial that matters but the way it is presented to the fish. The third is that fish do not mind what they eat as long as they eat something.

● The report, *Fishing in Norway*, which was reviewed on April 7, can be obtained from the Atlantic Salmon Trust, Moulin Pitlochry, Perthshire, PH16 5JQ, price £1.50.


POLO PROSPECTS FOR 1988

Willie Loyd discusses the high-goal polo teams and players in Horse and Hound, out today. We examine prospects for the coming season and bring you the first news of handicaps and fixtures for 1988. Claire Tomlinson explains how the best polo ponies are trained.

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FOOTBALL

Harvey puts down speculation over Sheedy's departure

By Ian Ross

Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, yesterday vehemently denied that Kevin Sheedy, the Republic of Ireland international, would be leaving the club at the end of the season.

Sheedy, aged 28, who is valued at £1 million, intimated that he would be seeking a move away from Goodison Park after discussing his future with Harvey earlier in the week.

Since his return to the Everton side after a prolonged period of injury, Sheedy has been used on the left side of midfield and not in the more central position he prefers.

After failing to convince Harvey that a positional change would be in the best interests of the League champions, Sheedy said that it was "highly unlikely" he would still be with the club next season.

But Harvey, who has had a largely disappointing first season in charge at Everton, said: "He is under contract to the club. Yes, we have had a chat but what was said is private."

Sheedy, who was yesterday named in the Republic's squad for the friendly international against Yugoslavia in Dublin on April 27, joined Everton in 1982 when Harvey's predecessor, Howard Kendall, plucked him from the obscurity of Liverpool's reserve team for £100,000.

He was the club's joint leading scorer with 16 goals in last season's championship-winning campaign and although he still has two years of his present contract still to run he has been linked with several leading clubs both at home and abroad during the past 12 months.

Harvey, who is thought to have in excess of £2 million at his disposal to buy new players before the start of next season, also dismissed speculation that Gary Stevens and Trevor Steven would be sold in the months ahead.

Graeme Souness, the manager of Glasgow Rangers, is believed to be ready to offer £1.75 million for the England international pair, while Steven has also been linked with a possible move to Manchester United. "I know nothing at all about these things," Harvey said. "I have not spoken to anyone about them and should I do that the answer will be 'No'."

Horton sacked for Hull's decline

Hull City, the second division club, have dismissed Brian Horton, their manager, after a run of 16 games without a win. His departure followed Tuesday's 4-1 home defeat by Swindon Town.

Don Robinson, the club chairman, said yesterday: "I shall be making a statement on the manager's situation later, but I can confirm Brian Horton has been dismissed. He is a nice person and we have got on well, but we had to make the decision after a poor run of results."

The season started optimistically for Hull when a run of 10 games without defeat made them promotion candidates, but exits from the Littlewoods, Simod and FA Cup competitions at the first hurdle, coupled with a lack of goals, gradually undermined Horton's position.

Horton, who was nearing the end of the second year of a three-year contract, blamed crowd pressures for his dismissal. "The crowd have been getting at me and it has come to the point where the chairman had to do something," he said.

"The hardest part is that the supporters even got at me after the Sheffield United game in February when we lost at home for the first time in 13 months. In the end the public wanted me out."

Horton, aged 39, was a player with Port Vale, Brighton and Hove Albion and Luton, and joined Hull as player-manager in May 1984 after a successful midfield career which began with his Midlands home-town club of Hednesford. Colin Appleton's departure from Hull presented him with a chance to step up into management.

He steered the club to promotion from the third division in his first season in charge, making 22 appearances himself. They came within 12 points of a first division debut in 1986, finishing sixth in the second division, but last season slipped down to fourteenth. Their present position is one lower. Hull's last win was 3-1 at home to Leeds on January 3.

Zico joins protest at rough play

Rio de Janeiro (Reuter) — Leading Brazilian footballers said yesterday they were tired of being pushed around and would spearhead a campaign to stop violence at local league matches.

"Violence must stop. It is destroying the art of Brazilian soccer. It was certainly not through this kind of attitude that Brazil won the World Cup three times," the Flamengo forward, Renato Gaucho, said in a television interview.

He was the latest victim of the violence that has become routine at Brazilian league matches. He will miss action for at least two weeks, after suffering a serious knee injury when he was challenged by Dede, a defender, of America, Rio.

"I think the only solution to stop violence is if all the top players decide to go on strike," the Paraguayan-born midfield player, Julio Cesar Romero (Romerito), of Fluminense, L said. He has been recovering from a heel injury for more than a month after being hit by an opponent.

Zico, a veteran international and a old victim of rough defenders, is even considering retirement, saying he is tired of spending time curing injuries.

"I've been asking for ages for tough measures to be taken against violence. Unfortunately, no one wants to listen, with the exception of the fans, who are turning out less and less at the stadiums," Zico said.

The players blame team officials, rather than referees, for the disarray. "Referees have no autonomy, therefore, they are afraid to make drastic decisions," Gaucho said.

"They fear that if they do their names will be placed in the 'cooler' [no future matches]. In our game against America, the referee booked Dede for misconduct five minutes before he hit me. Since he had already been cautioned, the referee did not have the courage to send him off the field, as we were still in the first half."

Charlton keeps faith with Irish regulars

Jack Charlton, the Republic of Ireland manager, has kept faith with all his regulars for the next European championship warm-up game against Yugoslavia at Lansdowne Road on April 27.

Except for the Liam Brady and Ronnie Whelan, both injured, Charlton has only omitted Luton's Ashley Grimes from the 18-strong squad.

Dave Kelly, the Walsall forward, who is almost certain to travel to West Germany, is included in the squad, having made a big impact in the side with four goals in two matches, including a treble against Israel on his debut last November.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: P Bonner (Celtic), G Peyton (Bournemouth), J Anderson (Newcastle Utd), Morris (Celtic), C Hughton (Spurs), M McCarthy (Celtic), K Moran (Manchester Utd), P McGrath (Manchester Utd), R Houghton (Liverpool), J Sheridan (Leeds Utd), L O'Brien (Manchester Utd), K Sheedy (Everton), A Galvin (Sheffield Wednesday), J Aldridge (Liverpool), D Kelly (Walsall), J Byrne (QPR), F Stapleton (Derby Co), N Quinn (Arsenal).

Mark Hughes, on loan with Bayern Munich, yesterday confirmed his availability for Wales's friendly international against Sweden on April 27.

Alun Evans, the FA of Wales secretary, confirmed that Hughes had been released by the Germans. "We had a phone call from Mark himself to say he definitely wants to play and asking if he was likely to be picked," Evans said.

Evans added that the FAW would not be contacting Juventus to see if Ian Rush would be available to provide Wales with their most formidable attacking duo.

Lyall assesses damage after latest setback

John Lyall, the West Ham manager, was yesterday assessing the damage caused by a bruising London derby defeat by Arsenal.

Not only did the 1-0 setback plunge United deeper into relegation trouble but it also added to their injury troubles.

Stewart Robson broke his nose, Steve Potts damaged knee ligaments and Julian Dicks ended the game limping badly.

They join Ray Stewart and Alvin Martin and Alan Devonshire on the treatment table.

Lyall said: "We don't need any more injuries in our situation".

West Ham have five games left in which to secure their first division future. They are hovering just one place above the play-off spot occupied by Charlton, and have suffered a run of 15 League games without a win.

● The forward, Dave Caldwell, of Torquay United has been given permission by the Football Association to play in what is left of his team's promotion push.

● Oldham Athletic have transfer-listed 10 players. Fees are wanted for Andy Gorton and Aaron Callaghan but eight others are available for free transfer.

Cruyff sets a deadline for Barcelona job

Barcelona (Reuter) — Johan Cruyff said yesterday that Barcelona must make him a firm offer to be their coach next season or he would consider negotiations between himself and the club closed.

"My patience has run out and I'm not going to wait any more," Cruyff told the Barcelona newspaper, El Periódico. "If Barcelona don't put a contract on the table the talks will be over. I don't understand the way the club is behaving."

Cruyff, who played for Barcelona in the 1970s, walked out as manager of Ajax Amsterdam after a contract dispute last January. Officials at Barcelona said they expected to make an announcement on Cruyff within the next few days.

Barcelona's first-division rivals, Atlético Madrid, have sacked their caretaker coach, Armando Ufarte, three weeks after his appointment. Ufarte, a former Atlético player, told reporters he had been sacked after a disagreement with the club president, Jesús Gil, over selecting the team. "He wanted to impose a team on me and I said no," Ufarte said.

Gil said he was angry that Ufarte had not co-operated with José María Maguregui, who will take over the coach's job next season and has been unofficially involved in the running of the club.

Maguregui, who coached Celta until last month, can not formally take charge of the Madrid side yet as Spanish regulations state that no coach may work with two teams in the same season.

"The situation became intolerable," Gil said. "Ufarte wouldn't even let Maguregui in the dressing-room or on the pitch."

● SWITZERLAND: The Danish player, Lars Lunde, was in intensive care with head injuries but out of danger yesterday after his car was hit by a train. Otmar Hitzfeld, the trainer of the Swiss club, FC Aarau, said Lunde, aged 24, had overlooked a signal at a railway crossing while returning from a match in Berne against the Young Boys club.

● The former West German international midfield player, Uli Stielike, who now plays for Neuchâtel Xamax in Switzerland, is to retire at the end of the season because of injury. Stielike, aged 34, played 42 times for his country.

● MILAN: Dario Bonetti, the Verona defender, was yesterday banned for nine matches after he "repeatedly insulted the referee and linesman" during the match against Cesena last Sunday.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Manchester United 3, Luton Town 0; Newcastle United 3, Watford 0; West Ham United 0, Arsenal 1. Second division: Hull City 1, Swindon Town 4. Third division: Bristol Rovers 1, Bristol City 0; Wigan Athletic 2, Port Vale 0. Fourth division: Newport County 0, Scarborough 4; Scunthorpe 1, Carlisle United 0.

SHERPA VAN TROPHY: Northern section: Final, first leg: Burnley 0, Preston North End 0. Southern section: Final, first leg: Notts County 1, Wolverhampton Wanderers 1.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham 2, Stafford Rangers 0; Macclesfield 2, Lincoln City 0; Sutton United 1, Northwich Victoria 1.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena 1, Ards 1; Crusaders 3, Distillery 0.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bradford City 3, Aston Villa 1; Everton 3, Sheffield United 0; Grimsby Town 0, Sunderland 0; Sheffield Wednesday 0, Liverpool 2. Second division: Oldham Athletic 0, Blackburn Rovers 0.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Arsenal 0, Ipswich Town 1; Charlton Athletic 0, Queen's Park Rangers 1; Millwall 1, Bristol Rovers 0; Tottenham Hotspur 1, Norwich City 2; Watford 1, Chelsea 3.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford 1, Slough 1; Carshalton 0, Croydon 1; Hendon 1, Hayes 0; Tooting and Mitcham 0, Basingstoke 0. First division: Billericay 2, Oxford City 4; Hampton 0, Wembley 1; Uxbridge 2, Kingsbury 0; Walthamstow 3, Basildon 3; Walton and Hersham 1, Stevenage 0; Woking 2, Boreham Wood 0; Wolverton 0, Leatherhead 4. Second division north: Clapton 1, Barton 0; Rainham 0, Wivenhoe 3; Saffron Walden 1, Finchley 0; Ware 1, Royston 0; Witham 3, Letchworth GC 1. Second division south: Banstead 2, Horsham 4; Eastbourne United 0, Chalfont St Peter 2; Flackwell Heath 2, Camberley 2; Harefield 1, Dorking 1; Hungerford 2, Newbury 1; Maidenhead United 2, Chertsey 3; Whyteleafe 2, Feltham 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Morecambe 1, Chorley 2; Worksop 2, Caernarfon 0.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedworth 0, Ashford 1; Dartford 3, Worcester 1; Willenhall 1, Bromsgrove 1. Midland division: Buckingham 1, Atherstone 2; Coventry Sporting 1, Mile Oak 0; Halesowen 3, Gloucester 3; Rushden 3, Trowbridge 1; Stourbridge 0, Moor Green 2. Southern division: Chatham 3, Bury 2; Corinthian 0, Burnham 3; Gravesend and Northfleet 2, Hounslow 0; Hastings 4, Poole 1; Sheppey 1, Erith and Belvedere 0.

HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Final: Farnborough 0, Gosport Borough 3.

LONDON SENIOR CUP: Third round: Fisher 1, Leyton-Wingate 0.

HOCKEY

McGuire sets up England's championship

England won the under-18 schoolboys championship at Linwood near Glasgow yesterday by beating Ireland 4-2, thanks to Philip McGuire, who scored three goals for the second time in the tournament (a Special Correspondent writes).

He thus became the the leading marksman in the competition, having scored eight of his side's 11 goals in the event.

RESULTS: Under-18 championship: England 4 Ireland 2; Scotland 2 Wales 2. Final placings: 1, England 6pts; 2, Ireland, 4; 3, Scotland, 1; Wales, 1. Under-16 championship: England 0 Ireland 1; Wales 3 Scotland 1. Final placings: 1, Ireland, 5pts; 2, Wales, 3; 3, England, 2; 4, Scotland, 2.

SQUASH RACKETS

Mixed fortunes: Harris, who has gained a new sponsor, lost in the opening round yesterday

Harris makes an early exit

By Colin McQuillan

Del Harris, Britain's youngest national champion and first men's junior world champion, was briefly on top of the squash world at Wembley yesterday when Hi-Tec Sports, the sponsors of the British Open championships, announced a personal contract which could provide the Essex player, aged 18, with £50,000 over the next three years.

Six hours later he was plumbing the depths of competitive depression as his wild-card entry to the main draw of the competition disintegrated in a 9-3, 9-3, 9-4 defeat in 66 minutes to Tristan Nancarrow, of Australia, seeded ninth for the title.

The latest arrangement provides Harris with a handsome retainer plus escalating bonus scales. He has his first bonus in the bank for winning the world junior championship last week, but will need to add the senior world title within the three-year span to capitalize on the contract.

In October Jansher Khan gained just £10,000 for winning the World Open championship and the winner of the men's championship at Wembley this week will earn £6,500.

The only player to approach similar earning potential at such an age was Lucy Soutter, of Cirencester, who was also junior world champion and won the British title when just a few weeks older than Harris. Yesterday Soutter needed just 20 minutes to defeat Ruth Strauss, a performance which suggests she is capable of stopping the defending champion, Susan Devoy, of New Zealand, at the semi-final stage on Sunday.

RESULTS: (British and Irish unless stated): First round: Men: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt P Whitlock, 9-3, 9-3, 9-2; S Hailstone bt R Hill (Aus), 9-3, 4-9, 6-9, 9-4, 9-2; B Beeson bt A Wahlstedt (Swe), 9-6, 9-0, 6-9, 9-5; R Thorne (Aus) bt Mir Zaman Gul (Pak), 9-1, 9-5, 9-4; C Robertson (Aus) bt M Bodimeade, 9-2, 9-0, 9-6; T Nancarrow (Aus) bt D Harris, 9-3, 9-3, 9-4.

Women: S Devoy (NZ) bt M Burke, 9-4, 9-1, 9-7; S Fitzgerald (Aus) bt B Hoogendoorn (Neth), 9-0, 9-1, 9-6; R Best bt S Langley-Foster, 9-0, 9-4, 9-5; M Martin (Aus) bt C Jackman, 9-3, 9-7, 2-9, 9-3; L Soutter bt R Strauss, 9-2, 9-0, 9-0; A Cumings bt R Bellord (Aus), 9-3, 9-4, 9-2.

GOLF

Two rounds prove too much for Borgnis the elder

By John Hennessy

Peter Hammond-Chambers-Borgnis, at 78 the oldest survivor in the father-and-son tournament at West Hill, Surrey, yesterday found two rounds a little too much for his constitution.

After getting through the second round with his offspring, Michael, a mere 48, his swing began to shorten perceptibly on a brilliantly sunny afternoon and the Borgnis (as they are mercifully known to the rest of us), were beaten by Chris and Bernard White, Surrey champions in 1986, by three and two.

Bernard White, the son, is the lowest handicapped player left in on one (in fact 0.8) and, with his father off 12, had to give six shots to the Borgnis, a family as rich in history as their name would suggest — they are descended from an immigrant from Italy in the sixteenth century.

Peter Borgnis, enviably lean and athletic for a man of his years, played off nine, and was able to coax his son (handicap 19) along the way against difficult opponents, but a lack of consistency told in the end.

It was all square after 11, where upon the Whites won the 12th by the refreshment hut, and, suitably refreshed, won three of the next four holes. The Borgnis received a shot at the 14th, but gallingly enough they had no use of it when Bernard White hit a long fairway wood into a bunker.

Nor did it matter when Michael Borgnis, betraying his lack of competitive experience, raked a bunker at the 15th after leaving his father's tee shot there.

The holders, Harry and Michael Kershaw, went out in the morning on a depressing note against the Pryors. They took three putts at the 17th to remain all square and Michael hit a one-iron 230 yards through the green and out of bounds at the last.

"I need hanging," he said afterwards, which seemed almost an invitation to his father to exact retribution. He is a Lancashire county court judge.

RESULTS FROM WEST HILL

SECOND ROUND: D P Choyce (Rochford Hundred) and D G Choyce (Woking) (23) bt H H Bailey (Seaford) and A H Bailey (W Byfleet) (21), 5 and 4; A E Oakes (Hunstanton) and I T Oakes (Wrotham Heath) (14) bt J A and R Piggott (W Middlesex) (15), 3 and 1; R W Elliot (Littlehampton) and N Elliot (Bramley) (12) bt T F and M P Daniels (N Hants) (15), at 20th; W E and J McCrea (Walton Heath) (17) bt P G and S R Smith (Surbiton) (20), 2 and 1; W Tillman (The Addington) and A Tillman (Wildernesse) (11) bt M S Rees (Bristol) and R L Rees (Henbury) (16), at 20th; B E and D B Prince (West Hill) (20) bt C Taylor (Luffenham Heath) and A S Taylor (Burghley Park) (12), 5 and 4; R P H-C-Borgnis (The Berkshire) and M H-C-Borgnis (Ashridge) (28) bt Dr F L and J H Dyson (Royal Porthcawl) (21), at 19th; B C White (Guildford) and B White (West Hill) (13) bt M J and B W Bracey (Bristol and Clifton) (17), at 19th; N and P E Chesworth (West Hill) (29) bt D A Ritchie (W Sussex) and I A Ritchie (Mannings Heath) (16), 3 and 1; D H and H R Holland (Sunningdale) (12) bt J G and G R Gow (Formby) (19), 4 and 3; D W and D N W Pryor (Woking) (25) bt Judge H A Kershaw (Bolton) and M G A Kershaw (West Hill) (14), 1 hole; M M Lawson (Stoneham) and P M Lawson (Hockley) (18) bt V F Davis (Wyke Green) and M V Davis (Sudbury) (14), 5 and 4; J and D H Niven (Newbury and Crookham) (9) bt J B C and W B Atkinson (Bishop's Stortford) (17), 2 holes; P W S and T G Boult (Chislehurst) (20) bt A C and M C Bryant (Walton Heath) (25), 3 and 2; J U and P M Tedder (West Hill) (20) bt G R and T G Clark (Burnham) (11), 5 and 3; T and R Betts (Mannings Heath) (8) bt T E D and T H Harker (Sunningdale) (16), one hole; D J and D R Baxter (Holme Hall) (13) bt P G Cornish (West Hill) and Dr J W M Cornish (Shillinglee Park) (29), 4 and 2; J S and P S Gilbert (Burhill) (9) bt I F M Hind (Budock Vean Hotel) and R H Hind (Bristol and Clifton) (20), 3 and 2; R and F Hope (Las Brisas, Spain) (20) bt P J R and E P R Webb (Walton Heath) (22), at 21st; T E Clutton (Wrexham) and E Q Clutton (Leven) (14) bt D F R and T M R Lord (Northamptonshire County) (19), 3 and 1; B G and M C Sharp (Bramley) (20) bt G P S and A P S Brewer (Denham) (14), w/o; S A E and C S G Staveley (Hunstanton) (21) bt P F B and M F R Cooper (Huntercombe) (23), 4 and 3; F R and F N Kipping (Hammonds End) (14) bt R D Marr (Stowmarket) and D T Marr (Woodbridge) (25), one hole; D I Stirk (Royal North Devon) and G C Stirk (Saunton) (10) bt I N and A I MacLaren (Knole Park) (16), 2 and 1; Dr J N T and A J Hutton (Croham Hurst) (17) bt G R and T A Bristow (Woking) (28), one hole; D R C Clark (Frinton) and D Clark (Royal Blackheath) (25) bt W Pearce (Royal N Devon) and C Pearce (West Hill) (25), 3 and 2; D C and M A Burridge (Ealing) (15) bt P Story (Mullion) and D Story (Liphook) (12) at 21st; J M and J A Jamieson (Royal Blackheath) (19) bt C R Scott-Malden (Cuddington) and G C Scott-Malden (Huntercombe) (26), 2 and 1; E D and D C Bond (Wentworth) (16) bt J A Murphy (W Berkshire) and P Murphy (Bristol and Clifton) (23), at 22nd; B E and M D Joseph (Glamorganshire) (12) bt E G Hurst (High Post) and R J G Hurst (Sunningdale) (14), 5 and 3; R G and M A Newman (Coombe Hill) (18) bt E G and M I Farmer (Royal Eastbourne, Northants) (19), at 19th; D W and T G D Sykes (E Devon) (22) bt D C Dixon (Nevill) and J D Dixon (R St George's) (17), 4 and 3.

LONDON MARATHON

Gates sets off for new renal unit

By David Powell

Life has not been easy for Michael Gates these past few years. He has seen his son endure three failed kidney transplants and come close to death; he has journeyed from Saltdean, near Brighton, to London three times a week to take him for dialysis; the time off work, he suspects, cost him his job. As if he does not have enough cares, Gates has spent the last four months grinding out the miles, in wind and rain along the seafront, preparing for the Mars London Marathon on Sunday.

"There is no doubt in the world that I will get round, even if I have to crawl," Gates said. He is a fighter. He has had to be; from the day five years ago when his son, Michael John, was diagnosed as having chronic renal failure. With each transplant rejection Michael John's prospects for a successful operation diminished.

"Michael John has had something like 40 operations," Gates added. "He has not eaten since he was born. He is fed down a nasal gastric tube. Three weeks ago we came close to losing him because he had had an operation and did not come out of the anaesthetic."

Gates decided to run a marathon to raise funds to help the children at Guy's Hospital, where his son is a patient. He turned his attentions to the hospital's Kidney Patients' Association. "The hospital is attempting to raise £1 million towards a new renal unit," Gates said. "I am doing this marathon not only for Michael John but for all the other kids in the same position as him."

As Sunday draws near, Gates confesses to having butterflies for the first time in years. But, at 38, he is confident of finishing. The sight of the finish on Westminster Bridge will be sweet: but the sight of Michael John there to greet him will be sweeter.

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Gates: loving father

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Chinese to continue their surge

By Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent

The wind from the East continued yesterday, the Japanese being followed into town for the Mars London Marathon by the Chinese. And judging by recent results, it will not be long before the Chinese are taking a prominent place in world athletics.

Their women's team was second to the Soviet Union in the world 15-kilometre road championship in Adelaide last month. One week later, the same women finished an unprecedented eighth in the world cross-country.

The speed of their arrival among the world's best has surprised even Alan Storey, the British national marathon coach, who spent a year in China between 1985 and 1986, helping to raise standards.

Storey said yesterday: "Admittedly, world standards are lower among women, which has made it easier for the Chinese, and there are still problems, like lack of a club structure and the difficulty of travel to meet top competition. But Zhang Gouwei is looking to run 2hr 11min and since he led the world championship 5,000 metres for half the race last summer, he will not be left for pace by anybody on Sunday."

Gouwei is the Chinese record holder, with 2hr 12min 17sec, which should already be sufficient to get him selected for the Olympic marathon. And, although the Chinese have no official marathon selection policy, good runs by Cai Shangyan and Wang Quinuan should be enough to take them to Seoul.

Watts finds range to share the lead

By Patricia Davies

Carl Watts and Richard Payne shared the lead after the first 36 holes of the Peter McEvoy Trophy at Copt Heath yesterday. Their total of 147, five over par, left them one shot ahead of Michael Smith, one of the favourites, and two ahead of Jim Payne, the runner-up last year.

Watts, aged 16, of Sussex, took pride of place because of a 71, level par, in the afternoon. He dropped shots at three holes but made up for that with birdies at the ninth, 12th and 15th, where he hit two one-irons before pitching to four feet and holing the putt. Despite a liking for taking his one-iron off the tee, Watts is a slim lad and intends taking up weight training next week to add some bulk.

He is now a full-time golfer, financed by his father, David, who imports antiques and reproductions from Thailand, and also caddies for his son when time permits.

Watts learned his golf at a driving range his father opened a few years ago. The range subsequently went bankrupt but the son shows signs of being a more successful golfing investment. A few days ago at Pyecombe he won the Sussex boys' title for the second successive year and equalled the course record with a round of 68.

Richard Payne was also introduced to golf through his father's business — the catering firm of Payne and Gunter, whose tents are seen at major events all over the country. A calm, collected player, he recovered from four putts at the third hole in the morning to return a 74 and followed it up with a 73 on faster, trickier greens.

The other Payne, Jim, did not come to terms with the greens in the afternoon and took three putts no fewer than five times in his 76.

LEADING EARLY SECOND ROUND SCORES: 147: C Watts (Worthing), 76, 71; R Payne (Royal Mid-Surrey), 74, 73. 148: M Smith (Brokenhurst Manor), 74, 74. 149: J Payne (Sandilands), 73, 76. 151: S Pardoe (Goring and Streatley), 76, 75; R Walker (Wearside), 74, 71.

Worried start to tour

Alison Nicholas, the champion of the women's Open, will be apprehensive when the Women's Professional Golfers' Association European tour begins today with the Marbella Open at Los Naranjos.

For Nicholas has — like Ian Woosnam, last year's outstanding male golfer — switched to a different set of golf-clubs from those she used during the 1987 season, during which she won two tournaments.

"I have not committed myself to a new contract yet because I've only had these graphite clubs for a couple of weeks," Nicholas, aged 26, said. "I am already hitting the ball much further with them and I will be keeping my fingers crossed."

Dale Reid, from Scotland, who topped last year's money list with record winnings of £53,815, also has pre-season doubts. Two weeks ago Reid, the Scottish Open champion, returned from Palm Springs, shattered after rounds of 82 and 75 in the Dinah Shore tournament.

"I was disgusted with the way I played in America and went to see John Stark, my coach. He spotted that my right side was collapsing and that I was swaying, but I am a little more confident now."

Laura Davies, winner of the US Open in 1987, is still in America and missing from the field of 84 in Marbella.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

BATTERSEA PARK: Civil Service national 10 km road race championship: 1, M Harris (MOD), 29:16; 2, G Horne (DHSS), 29:47; 3, M Williams (Customs and Excise), 29:54. Team: Dept of Employment, 30pts. Women: C Horne (DHSS), 36:02. Team: DHSS, 24.

BADMINTON

KRISTIANSAND, Norway: European championships: Norway bt Iceland, 4-1; Finland bt Czechoslovakia, 4-1; Sweden bt England, 3-2 (J Olsson lost to N Yates, 15-2, 4-15, 2-15; C Magnusson bt F Elliott, 6-11, 11-2, 11-6; J Antonsson and P-G Jonsson bt S Baddeley and A Goode, 15-10, 15-8; M Bengtsson and C Magnusson lost to G Clark and S Sankey, 12-15, 12-15; Antonsson and Bengtsson bt D Hall and G Gilks, 18-16, 15-11, 15-9); Netherlands bt Scotland, 3-2 (P Pelupessy bt K Middlemiss, 15-6, 15-12; E Coene bt A Gibson, 11-9, 11-3; Pelupessy and A Meyer lost to A White and I Pringle, 14-17, 15-12, 11-15; Coene and E van Dijck lost to J Allen and E Allen, w.o.; van Dijck and Meyer bt D Travers and E Allen, 15-4, 17-15); Hungary bt Switzerland, 4-1; Finland bt Norway, 3-2.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: New York Mets 3, Montreal Expos 0; Cincinnati Reds 4, San Francisco Giants 3; San Diego Padres 5, Los Angeles Dodgers 3; Houston Astros 8, Atlanta Braves 3; St. Louis Cardinals 7, Chicago Cubs 5. American League: Boston Red Sox 3, Milwaukee Brewers 1; Detroit Tigers 4, Texas Rangers 1; California Angels 15, Chicago White Sox 6; Seattle Mariners 6, Oakland Athletics 4; Minnesota Twins 7, Cleveland Indians 6; New York Yankees 12, Toronto Blue Jays 3; Kansas City Royals 6, Baltimore Orioles 1.

BOXING

CARDIFF: Professional promotion: Welterweight (8rds): George Collins (Yateley) bt Sammy Floyd (US), pts.

CRICKET

ADELAIDE: 1977 Centenary Test: One-day international: Australia 212 for 7 (G Cosier 72 not out, I Davis 48, R McCosker 43; J Lever three for 34); England 185 for 9 (D Amiss 73; D Walters 3-12). (Australia lead series 2-0).

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Cleveland Cavaliers 116, Atlanta Hawks 103; San Antonio Spurs 127, Houston Rockets 119; Utah Jazz 100, Los Angeles Clippers 93; Los Angeles Lakers 109, Portland Trail Blazers 103; Dallas Mavericks 104, Sacramento Kings 98.

CYCLING

HUY, Belgium: Flèche Wallonne race: 1, R Golz (WG), 6:32:21; M Argentin (It), at 56secs; 3, S Rooks (Neth), 1:02; 4, C Mottet (Fr), 1:12; 5, A Kappes (WG), 1:23; 6, B Bruyere (Bel), 3:38.

FOOTBALL

NITRA, Czechoslovakia: Olympic qualifying match: European group E: Czechoslovakia 1, Austria 0.

SWEDISH LEAGUE: Djurgaarden 4, Froelunda 2; Malmoe 3, Oergryt 2; Sundsvall 0, Oesters 1; AIK Stockholm 2, Norrkoeping 0; Göteborg 3, Brage 0; GAIS 2, Hammarby 0.

SWISS LEAGUE: Lucerne 2, Grasshopper Zurich 1; Young Boys Berne 1, Aarau 2. Standings (after 6 matches): 1, Neuchatel Xamax, 25pts; 2, Aarau, 21; 3, Grasshopper, 20.

WEST GERMAN CUP: Hamburg SV 0, Bochum 2.

ATHENS: European under-21 championship semi-final: First leg: Greece 5, Netherlands 0.

SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Newport 2, Bournemouth 1; Cardiff 3, Torquay 3.

MODERN PENTATHLON

ALDERSHOT: Olympic qualifying international: Riding: 1, N Fekete (Can), 1min 24.16sec, 1100pts; 2, T Lochman (Cz), 1100; 3, L Patt (US), 1100. British: 18, R Phelps, 1040; 24, P Hart, 1010; 30, D Mahony, 964; 37, G Brookhouse, 816. Overall final positions: 1, L Fabian (Hun), 5460; 2, M Kadlec (Cz), 5440; 3, R Phelps, 5277. British: 7, Brookhouse, 5181; 11, Mahony, 5150; 19, Hart, 5041. Overall team positions: 1, Hungary, 15704; 2, Britain, 15606; 3, Czechoslovakia, 15365; 4, Sweden, 15284; 5, West Germany, 15268; 6, Spain, 15170.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Exeter 3 Bristol 22; Penarth 18, Neath 34.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: England 18 Group B 34, Japan Schools 28.

SKIING

ALPE D'HUEZ: British FIS championships: 1, D Alamand (Fr), 2min 6.25sec; 2, P Grand (Fr), 2:6.50; 3, A Feuner (Fr), 2:6.80. British: 12, M Jones, 128.27.

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Poole 60 (D Biles 13, S Schofield 12, K Smart 12), Rye House 36 (S Willcock 14, J Rasmussen 11).

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Stanley Cup play-offs (best-of-seven-game series): Boston Bruins 5, Buffalo Sabres 4 (Boston lead 3-2); Hartford Whalers 3, Montreal Canadiens 1 (Montreal lead 3-2); Washington Capitals 5, Philadelphia Flyers 2 (Philadelphia lead 3-2); Toronto Maple Leafs 6, Detroit Red Wings 5 (OT) (Detroit lead 3-2); New Jersey Devils 4, New York Islanders 2 (New Jersey lead 3-2); St Louis Blues 5, Chicago Black Hawks 3 (St Louis win 4-1); Calgary Flames 6, Los Angeles Kings 4 (Calgary win 4-1); Edmonton Oilers 6, Winnipeg Jets 2 (Edmonton win 4-1).

TENNIS

AMELIA ISLAND: Florida women's championships: Singles: Second round: S Graf (WG) bt P Vasquez (Peru), 6-1, 6-0.

WIMBLEDON: Prudential British junior hard court championships: Boys' singles: Second round: C Wilkinson (Hants) bt J Barton (Essex), 6-3, 6-1; K Harris (Norfolk) bt M Worrall (Middx), 6-1, 6-1; M Long (Essex) bt H Wasantha (Middx), 6-3, 6-1. Third round: D Ireland (Leics) bt M Aldridge (Middx), 6-2, 6-2; J Hunter (Surrey) bt M Long (Essex), 6-1, 6-1; D Draper (Northants) bt K Cunningham (Lancs), 6-3, 6-4; D Bishop (Yorks) bt A Moir (Essex), 6-0, 6-0; S Cornish (Somerset) bt D Collins (Oxford), 6-1, 6-2; C Wilkinson (Hants) bt C Simmons (Sussex), 6-3, 6-1; D Harris (Essex) bt S Jackson (Cheshire), 6-2, 6-4; G Gibson (Dorset) bt K Harris (Norfolk), 6-3, 6-3. Girls' singles: Second round: S Smith (Essex) bt M Mair (Scot), 6-2, 6-3; N Topper (Yorks) bt S Caffry (Devon), 6-1, 7-5; G Smith (Northumberland) bt M Loughton (Yorks), 6-3, 6-4; K Harrison (Scot) bt J Halfpenny (Hereford), 6-4, 6-2; J Harper (Sussex) bt T Smith (Northumberland), 6-3, 6-0; H Lockhart (Scot) bt S Collinson (Yorks), 6-1, 7-5; C Brookfield (Kent) bt L Paterson (Sussex), 3-6, 7-5, 6-4; S Bentley (Lincs) bt S Jenkins (Berks), 6-4, 1-6, 6-3; S Madge (Devon) bt L Nimmo (Warwicks), 6-3, 4-6, 6-6; C Herbert (Herts) bt H Crook (Essex), 7-5, 6-4; D Springall (Norfolk) bt A Smith (Staffs), 6-4, 6-2; A Hill (Devon) bt E Bond (Gloucs), 6-2, 6-2; N Giles (Surrey) bt L Eve (Berks), 6-1, 6-0; A Gregory (Notts) bt C Tee (Surrey), 6-3, 6-2; J Fox (Beds) bt N Comforth (Sussex), 6-3, 3-6, 9-7; A Niepel (Lancs) bt E Woodhouse (Bucks), 6-3, 7-5. Third round: K Harrison (E of Scot) bt J Harper (Sussex), 7-6, 4-6, 6-4; A Gregory (Notts) bt J Fox (Beds), 7-6, 6-2; A Niepel (Lancs) bt H Lockhart (Scot), 6-4, 7-6; C Herbert (Herts) bt S Madge (Devon), 6-3, 6-2; A Hill (Devon) bt D Springall (Norfolk), 6-2, 6-3; G Smith (Northumberland) bt N Giles (Surrey), 3-6, 7-6, 8-6.

NICE: Nice Open: Men's singles: First round: A Chesnokov (USSR) bt M Fioroni (It), 7-5, 6-2; G Forget (Fr) bt T Champion (Fr), 6-3, 6-3; J Arrese (Sp) bt M Woodforde (Aus), 7-5, 6-2; J P Fleurian (Fr) bt G Garetto (Arg), 6-3, 7-6; H Leconte (Fr) bt D Narciso (It), 7-6, 6-1; A Lesch (WG) bt D Cahill (Aus), 6-3, 7-5; T Tulasne (Fr) bt T Benhabiles (Fr), 7-5, 7-6; J Potier (Fr) bt J Arias (US), 3-6, 6-2, 6-4. Second round: G Vilas (Arg) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe), 6-7, 6-3, 6-4.

SNOW REPORTS

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: upper and middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, hard packed snow with icy patches; lower slopes, runs complete, spring snow, vertical runs, 1,800ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2,000ft. Glenshee: upper runs, some runs complete, hard packed snow with breakable crust; middle runs, limited nursery areas, wet snow; lower slopes, no snow or very little; vertical runs, 1,000ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2,000ft. Glencoe: no report. Lecht: upper and middle runs, runs complete, but narrow spring snow; lower slopes, limited nursery areas, spring snow; vertical runs, 700ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2,000 feet. Forecast for today: mainly dry with sunny periods; freezing at all levels at first at Glenshee, Cairngorm and Lecht, rising to 3,500ft at Glencoe; freezing level, 3,000ft rising above summits later; cloud mostly patchy above the summits, but at Glencoe becoming overcast at 2,000ft during the afternoon, with rain later and patches of cloud below 1,000ft; elsewhere becoming overcast above summits; southerly winds, fresh or strong, perhaps gale force later. Outlook for tomorrow: becoming milder with freezing level rising above the highest slopes; unsettled with rain at times; south-west winds, strong to gale force on higher slopes.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

BOWLS

Richardson in line for England recall

By David Rhys Jones

Ronnie Richardson, who led for England in 1983, staked a claim for a recall to the national team when he beat John Evans, another former England player, in the final of the Bristol and West all-England champion of champions tournament at Northavon, near Bristol, yesterday.

Richardson, aged 41, deserved to win, for he was the more consistent player in the final, but he had to withstand a spirited comeback from the Evans, who recovered from 9-18 after 20 ends to 14-18 three ends later.

At that stage, Evans seemed to have found a road to the jack and looked the likely winner, beheld three good shots. When Richardson foresook his natural drawing game and fired, he was accurate admittedly, but fortunate as well, taking out all three scoring shots and exchanging them for a match-winning three of his own.

The rub of the green, however, is part and parcel of bowls.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: R Richardson (Newcastle) bt S Palmer (City of Ely), 21-14; J Evans (Torbay) bt R Hart (Essex County), 21-10. Final: Richardson bt Evans, 21-14.

Budd is named in United Nations' updated blacklist

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Zola Budd has been added to the United Nations' "blacklist" of sports people and entertainers who are considered to have given credibility to South Africa by appearing in the Republic.

Budd's name will be on the updated list, issued by the Special Committee Against Apartheid (SCAA), which will be officially announced in New York this afternoon. Coming on the eve of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) council meeting in London, which is to decide on Budd's eligibility for competition, the blacklisting is certain to give additional impetus to those who want Budd banned from international athletics.

Budd's addition to the blacklist and her athletics suspension all stem from the same incident in Brakpan, Transvaal, where she attended a cross-country meeting on June 26 last year, during one of her extended visits to her homeland.

The paragraph on Budd in the SCAA document, published today, specifies the incident: "The South African athlete, Zola Budd, who now uses a British passport of convenience, continues to train in her native South Africa. In fact, she only returns to the United Kingdom during the athletics competitive season . . . In June, Budd even had the audacity to run a couple of laps just prior to the commencement of a cross-country league meeting in Brakpan, South Africa."

It is hardly surprising that the SCAA should proscribe Budd in this fashion. What is surprising is that the IAAF council has taken the broadest possible interpretation of its rules on "taking part" in a meeting organized by a suspended federation (the South African Amateur Athletic Union), and applieed them to Budd.

It was that interpretation, by all 23 members of the council, which resulted last month in Budd's suspension (although the IAAF refused to call it such), thus avoiding any possible boycott and disturbance of the world cross-country championships in New Zealand, for which Budd had been selected to run for the United Kingdom.

The same 23 members of the IAAF council must now decide whether that interpretation is sufficient to ban Budd completely. That is what many of the black African nations and their sympathisers want.

There are several deletions from the SCAA blacklist, notably Jonathan Davies, the Welsh rugby player. Michael Kiernan and Ollie Campbell, the Irish rugby players, have also written to SCAA pledging not to visit South Africa "while apartheid is being practised".

Lynn Davies, the former British international athlete who won an Olympic long jump gold medal in 1964, has also been deleted from the list. Davies has coached in South Africa, but also wrote to SCAA when the city of Cardiff wanted to recruit him to assist its application for the 1994 Commonwealth Games.

Eddery's Newmarket double

Head to head: Pat Eddery on Alquoz (left) holds off a late challenge from Greville Starkey on Lazaz to land the second leg of a double in the Wood Ditton Stakes at Newmarket yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart). Racing, pages 40 and 41

Supporters likely to be banned

The Sunderland chairman, Bob Murray, has promised to take the "severest action" against his club's supporters who caused £2,000 damage during incidents in their game at York last month.

An FA hearing in Sheffield yesterday, headed by Les Mackay, the disciplinary commission chairman, decided against punishing either club, beyond instructing third division leaders Sunderland to print warnings in their programme for the next four home matches, including the first two games of next season.

But Murray insisted: "We will not have people associated with our club who bring the North-East into disrepute. The severest action will be taken when we can identify them."

Around 500 of Sunderland's 6,000 supporters at the match on March 26 climbed onto the pitch to escape congestion. There was a further pitch invasion of the game, won 2-1 by York, during which one of the goals was broken.

But Mackay said afterwards that from the evidence presented at last week's original five-hour hearing at York that the FA were satisfied that no York fans were involved in either incident, and the Sunderland spectators climbed over the safety barriers "to escape the crush and were not intent on interfering with play".

● Billy McNeill, the Celtic manager, has been summoned to face the Scottish Football Association to explain his outburst following the late postponement of a league match against Aberdeen last month. McNeill was critical of referee Andrew Waddell's decision to abandon the game an hour before the kick-off because of a waterlogged pitch

League banks on late ticket rush

League officials are banking on a late surge in ticket sales boosting the attendance at this weekend's Mercantile Credit sponsored Centenary Festival at Wembley.

Trevor Phillips, the Football League's commercial director, expects in the region of 70,000 people to watch the two-day event but he admitted: "There is a certain amount of disappointment over the amount of tickets that have been sold, we can't deny that."

To ensure that the fans of the 16 competing teams are properly segregated, tickets have been on sale through the clubs and not from Wembley. But on the days of the Festival itself "family" tickets will be available to adults accompanied by at least one child, and the organizers are hoping that a large number of people will make a late decision to go and watch the festival.

Doubts have been expressed about the entertainment value on offer, with the matches on Saturday only consisting of 20 minutes each way, but Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, insisted: "If I wasn't chairman of the organising committee I would have brought my ticket months ago because I think it's a superb idea."

According to Bates, bad luck has been partly to blame for the lukewarm public response. "We have been unlucky in one respect in that some of the big clubs such as Arsenal and Tottenham failed to qualify, and there is also a Northern bias among the 16 clubs who have qualified, but that's the luck of the draw."

Only three teams from the London area, Wimbledon, Luton and Crystal Palace will be competing, and the cost of spending a night in a hotel in order to watch both days has obviously acted as a deterrent for fans of those clubs further afield.

Everton and Liverpool have sold less than 1000 tickets between them but Phillips commented: "We never expected Everton or Liverpool to sell as many as Crystal Palace for example. It's a fairly regular occurence for their supporters to come to Wembley, but Palace fans have never been there in their life before."

Palace have sold over 5,000 tickets while fourth division Tranmere have sold over 2,000.

Founders take time off

Aston Villa and Birmingham City yesterday turned the clock back 100 years, taking time off from the pressure of second division promotion and survival to commemorate the Football League Founders Day at Villa Park (a Special Correspondent writes). To give the occasion authenticity, former players of both clubs donned replica kit from 1888 to clash in a special match during the interval.

The day commemorated the centenary of the Football League, the brainchild of the Aston Villa chairman, William McGregor. The legendary, long-bearded McGregor could hardly have envisaged a future that has spanned 100 years, with the Football League's first division considered to be one of the best in world football.

McGregor would have been a startled observer of a league that has mushroomed from the original 12 clubs to 92 encompassing four divisions with all the modern day trappings that include £2 million transfers, multi-million pound stadia, executive boxes, and leading players heading for millionaire status.

Barrett is criticized over bout

By Jonathan Rendall

Frank Warren yesterday called for Mike Barrett's promotional boxing licence to be revoked after the British light-middleweight title contest between Gary Cooper and Gary Stretch, scheduled for the Guildhall, Portsmouth, last night, was cancelled at less than 24 hours' notice.

Both boxers had booked into their hotels and settled in for a night's sleep on Tuesday when Barrett made a telephone call to John Morris, the secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, to say the promotion was off after Steve McCarthy, who was scheduled to box on the undercard, pulled out. The main-event boxers were not informed until yesterday morning.

Barrett said: "I'm hoping to stage the title fight in two to three weeks' time. It's no good short-changing the fans. This was the first big show down here and people were paying a lot more than they usually do."

It is also understood that Barrett feared a repeat of previous crowd violence if a large contingent of supporters turned up to watch boxers who had been withdrawn from the undercard.

But Warren, who bought Stretch's contract from Barrett last year, said: "I shall be asking the Board to withdraw his licence. We also want full compensation of £9,000 for Gary's purse."

Barrett said yesterday that 1,100 of the 1,700 tickets at the Guildhall had been sold, although many higher-priced seats were still available at the box office until the cancellation.

Barrett, who failed to secure television coverage for the bout, would have been relying on gate receipts alone for revenue.

Warren had made the second highest purse bid to stage the contest — £22,000 — and said he would press the Board for the right to promote the bout himself.

● NEW YORK: Butch Lewis, the boxing promoter, is threatening to call off the Mike Tyson v Michael Spinks world heavyweight title bout, scheduled for June 27, because of a long-running disagreement with Home Box Office (HBO), the American cable television company (AFP reports).

Lewis says he will cancel the bout if HBO does not drop the legal case it has against him for $10 million, following a dispute last year when Lewis rejected an offer for Spinks to challenge for the world title.

Third in row for Lyle will put $1m in reach

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Hilton Head Island

If Sandy Lyle completes a unique treble by winning the MCI Heritage Classic, which starts on the Harbour Town course here in South Carolina today, then he will be poised to become the first player in United States PGA tour history to win $1 million in a single season.

That is the next target for the phenomenal Lyle who already leads the US money list with $591,821. Victory here would be worth another $126,000. If he retains first place in the money list through to the Nabisco Grand Prix in November, then he will be assured of a $175,000 bonus and a minimum of $32,000 for teeing up in the select 30-man field at Pebble Beach.

Thus, Lyle's winnings would total $924,821 and in his present form he would need to break a leg not to move past the $1 millionmilestone. Lyle, who will return home for two weeks following this event, has confirmed that he will compete in a minimum of six other events on American soil.

His prospects of winning here are clearly enhanced by the knowledge that Nick Faldo (1984) and Bernhard Langer (1985), the two other European golfers in the field, are both past winners. The course places a premium on accuracy, with holes such as the eighth narrowing to 35 yards at the landing area off the tee, although Harbour Town has small greens. It is not regarded as a putter's course.

Even so, the adage that you "drive for show and putt for dough" has most certainly been supported by Lyle this year. He is the leader in the putting section of the official US PGA statistics with an average of 1.703. Bill Glasson leads the driving distance department with an average of 279.1 yards but he is 146th in the money list with winnings of only $10,806.

If Lyle wins he will climb to the top of the Sony World Rankings, assuming that Greg Norman finishes outside the leading four. He would also become the first since Gary Player to win three tournaments in succession after his wins in the Greater Greensboro Open and the Masters.

Dave Musgrove, Lyle's trusty caddie, is as convinced that he can succeed here as he was that Lyle would win at Augusta even after relinquishing the lead. "We were fortunate that our disaster came at the short 12th," Musgrove said. "It gave us the chance to regroup on the 13th tee. There is a cathedral-like calm on that tee. You seem miles away from anybody and the noise. It is almost like playing on your own course.

"Sandy was not depressed after taking five at the 12th but angry with himself for losing his concentration. He started to talk about how silly he was to try to shape the eight iron tee shot there. Then he started to think ahead of himself, trying to work out where he might make birdies. You have to be a friend at that time, and say a few soothing words, but I also had to be firm and point out the importance of taking it shot by shot.

"Yet I never thought that Sandy would not win. He had handled the pressure for 40-odd holes of leading and I could see ahead that Mark Calcavecchia was finding it tough in a similar position up ahead."

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	397	4	10	418	4
2	492	5	11	412	4
3	399	4	12	404	4
4	188	3	13	363	4
5	528	5	14	153	3
6	404	4	15	561	5
7	172	3	16	373	4
8	439	4	17	169	3
9	327	4	18	458	4
Out	3,346	36	In	3,311	35

Total yardage: 6,657 Par: 71

Ballesteros returns to prowl

From Mel Webb, Cannes

The cat is back, and the mice who have been playing while he has been away are already looking elsewhere for their cheese.

After Severiano Ballesteros flew off to the United States to prepare for the Masters, two players less familiar with the victor's podium stepped up, David Whelan winning in Barcelona, and David Llewellyn in Biarritz.

To most people, finishing eleventh at Augusta would be cause for celebration, but to Ballesteros, hungry to win his first major title for nearly four years, it was a bitter disappointment and a wound to his pride.

Add to that the fact that the Spaniard is the defending champion on the 6,882-yard Cannes-Mougins course — it was here that he had his only tournament success in 1987, shortly after being beaten in a play-off for the Masters — and the challenge facing the rest of the field gets ever more daunting.

There are just two factors which might even things slightly — Ballesteros is tired and he has lost his clubs.

He was kept waiting for four hours for a plane at Atlanta, and then had to endure a similar delay in Zurich. He eventually arrived back at his Monte Carlo home late on Tuesday, only to discover that somewhere along the way he had parted company with his clubs.

So, before playing in the pro-am yesterday, he carried out a lightning raid on the professional's shop and emerged with a hotchpotch set of clubs that would delight most weekend hackers but not a master craftsman.

However, Ballesteros steadfastly refused to be downhearted and he also had praise for the performance of Sandy Lyle, the new Masters champion. "Right now he is the best player in the world, there is no question about it. To do what he did took great guts and great talent."

Ballesteros faces competition from five of his Ryder Cup colleagues, and in addition to Mark McNulty, of Zimbabwe, third here last year, Robert Lee, confined to his hotel room yesterday with a sore throat, will be keen to repeat his victory at Cannes in 1985.

The presence of Joey Sindelar, of the United States, will also put the tournament favourite on his mettle. Sindelar has been suffering from flu and allergies and had a wretched Masters. "Augusta's not the best place in the world to be allergic to anything," he said.

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	446	4	10	409	4
2	209	3	11	193	3
3	341	4	12	468	4
4	387	4	13	405	4
5	139	3	14	542	5
6	384	4	15	166	3
7	551	5	16	509	5
8	503	5	17	428	4
9	449	4	18	353	4
Out	3,409	36	In	3,473	36

Total yardage: 6,827 Par: 72

Broad speaks of Pakistan incident

Chris Broad, the England batsman, has broken his silence over his controversial dismissal in the first Test match in Pakistan last November.

The Nottinghamshire opening batsman told the BBC *Sportsnight* programme of his feelings when he was given out caught behind, claiming he had not touched the ball.

"It's in the laws of cricket, in my book, that if you hit the ball you go," Broad said. "But I didn't hit it.

"I knew I didn't hit it, so I stayed there, but it was wrong to do that — there are other ways to go about it. I just learned my lesson the hard way.

"I went back into the dressing-room and I burst into tears because I couldn't believe that something like this could actually happen in the international arena. I'd perhaps gave in, naively thinking that it was a fair game and that people from both sides, although playing it hard, at the end of the day, play it fairly.

"This was a completely new thing for me and I just didn't know how to react to it."

END COLUMN

Conduct at the crease in the dock

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

When "The Bible" preaches, all of us should take notice. *Wisden Cricketers' Almanack*, acknowledged protector of cricket's morals, as much as its minutiae, this morning targets critical comment of significant force at both the standard of behaviour and the state of mind attributable to a growing number of international players.

Much has been spoken and written on these contentious subjects this past winter, arguably too much. A gulf patently exists between the players' conception of acceptable conduct and that of those who comment on or merely watch the game. An intervention by *Wisden*, however, can never be ignored and one hopes that even the most self-righteous of players will absorb the book's remarks.

Graeme Wright's notes by the editor, indeed, make disturbing reading in this year's volume, published today by John Wisden (cased edition £16.50, soft cover £14.50). He warms to his theme early in the piece with a pointed thrust at the English game's leadership: "When those who lead are unable to rise above their former station, indeed do not consider it essential to do so, those they lead cannot be inspired to rise above their own routine levels of performance."

Broad lucky to escape

He touches on the discontented times of MCC, muses on the mischief and malice of the dealings with Pakistan last summer, then becomes more specific in his comments, majoring on the "unacceptable increase in violent attitudes". He explains: "I am not referring to criminal violence such as physical assault, rather the ill-tempered outbursts one encounters from otherwise law abiding citizens."

Wright suggests that Chris Broad was very fortunate to escape disciplinary measures for his refusal to leave the crease during the first Test in Pakistan. He goes on: "I doubt if there is a cricketer anywhere who has not been upset by an umpire's decision especially when — as can happen in club and village matches — that umpire has 'affiliations' with the other side. But without the unchallenged acceptance of the principle that the umpire's word is final, what chance does the game have?"

The point is brought home by a cricket master, reporting for Wisden on his school's season and relating that three senior players had been suspended for disciplinary reasons. "All I can say after 19 years with the XI is that a schoolmaster must uphold behaviour standards, even at the cost of losing his best players."

Match where all gave their best

Mike Gatting, the England captain, emerges from the notes in poor shape, Wright concluding: "At times it was almost as if the Prince had placed the crown on Falstaff's head and walked away."

The cry for stronger, principled leadership with a sense of perspective introduces the remainder of the book, all 1,296 pages of it, this year printed on brighter and thinner paper, thus reducing the unwieldy bulk of the guaranteed number one bestseller. There are appreciations of Geoffrey Boycott, Derek Underwood and Graeme Pollock and a fascinating coach's viewpoint from Don Wilson.

The laws of cricket are back after a year's absence; the five cricketers of 1987 are Jonathan Agnew, Neil Foster, David Hughes, Peter Roebuck and Salim Malik and all feature in *Wisden's* first venture into colour photography.

This 125th edition, which was launched by a dinner in London on Tuesday, reflects warmly on one particular memory of last summer, the MCC's bicentenary match at Lord's. The editor recalls: "We had not come to see anyone win or lose. We had come to see fine cricketers give of their best and it was a wonderful feeling."

On the same theme, a publication to recommend is *Lord be Praised*, MCC's own story of the club's bicentenary year (English Life publications, £2.50). Edited by Hubert Doggart, MCC treasurer, it contains striking photographs and reproduces, from *The Times*, John Woodcock's accounts of the bicentenary match. It is a souvenir of a celebration which raised the spirits of all in the game.

South African jockeys killed in plane crash

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Fourteen South African jockeys, including some of the country's most prominent riders, were killed when a chartered plane flying them from a race meeting crashed in the Orange Free State on Tuesday night.

There were no survivors among the 23 on board who included three crew, a leading trainer and several jockey club officials.

Among those killed were Rooies Fourie, aged 27, the Transvaal's champion jockey with 54 winners this season, and the leading Transvaal trainer, Hennie van Wyk.

The aircraft, a 46-year-old American-built DC-3 Dakota, had been chartered by the Jockey Club of South Africa to fly the riders from Bloemfontein, in the Orange Free State, where a race meeting was held on Tuesday, back to Johannesburg.

Most of the jockeys were due to ride yesterday at a meeting at Newmarket, outside Johannesburg, which has been cancelled. It will probably be held later this year in the form of a benefit for the dependents of those killed.

The aircraft crashed in farmland near the village of Henneman, about half an hour after it had taken off from Bloemfontein. It appeared to have exploded on impact

London Marathon results

***The Times* will on Monday publish the names and performances of all the Mars London Marathon competitors to finish inside three hours. The names and times of all the other finishers will be carried on Monday and Tueday.**

SPORT IN BRIEF

Mottram called up

Buster Mottram, the former British No. 1, will almost certainly play for Croydon against Bournemouth in the final of the Mortgage Corporation League at the Surrey Tennis and Country Club on Sunday.

Mottram has played in only one of Croydon's seven matches on the way to the final, but has been pencilled in to take the place of Jeremy Bates, Britain's present No. 1.

Mottram: pencilled in

Chinese tennis

China plans to stage its first international open tennis tournament in Peking in April or May 1989.

Tickets sold

Millwall's key second division match at Bournemouth next Tuesday will be screened live at The Den as Millwall have sold their full allocation (2,700) of match tickets.

Karol Short

Karol Fageros Short, the former tennis champion who was banned from wearing gold lamé underpants at Wimbledon 30 years ago, died on Tuesday of cancer. She was 53. "She was really special, a shining light in the women's game," Butch Buchholtz, chairman of the International Players Championship, said. "She had such leadership qualities, was able to make changes and do creative things."

Out of plaster

Kevin Curren, a Wimbledon finalist in 1985, has made a remarkable recovery after having the plaster removed from a leg injury and begins his preparation for this year's Wimbledon at the Northern tournament in Manchester next month.

Cosier hits 72

Gary Cosier hit 72 not out off 65 balls in Adelaide yesterday to set up Australia's 27-run victory over England in the second game of a three-match series featuring veterans of the 1977 Centenary Test.

Revenge bout

Brian Mitchell, of South Africa, the World Boxing Association junior-lightweight champion, will defend his title for the fifth time in a revenge clash with Jose Rivera, of Puerto Rico in Madrid on April 26. When the pair met in Puerto Rico in March of last year Mitchell, in his first defence, retained the crown after being held to a draw.

Thorburn freed to play in world championship

By Steve Acteson

Cliff Thorburn, of Canada, the world-ranked No. 4 snooker player, was yesterday given clearance to play in the Embassy world championship, which begins in Sheffield on Saturday.

Lawyers representing Thorburn's management organization, Matchroom, successfully applied for an injunction at the High Court in London to prevent today's scheduled meeting of a disciplinary committee in Sheffield which was due to consider Thorburn's failure to pass a drugs test at the British Open

Thorburn, who faces a lengthy ban from the game and a hefty fine if found guilty, plays his fellow-Canadian, Kirk Stevens, in a first-round match beginning next Wednesday evening.

A brief statement from the game's ruling body, the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, said: "The disciplinary hearing has been adjourned to a date to be fixed after May 5 to enable Mr Thorburn to fully prepare his case."

Henley backs scheme

Stewards of the Henley Royal Regatta are supporting a South Yorkshire rowing development project with a £15,000 grant to boost the sport's grass roots. The stewards have agreed to support the Rotherham project for three years so that a development officer can be appointed to coach youngsters on a 1400-metre four-lane course

Six schools have been using the centre's limited equipment since it passed its first test with flying colours two years ago by staging an international match between England and France.

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